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Walker walked all over his Republican opponent for the mayorship of New York.

Our friend and contemporary editor, Louis Graves of Chapel Hill, is receiving well deserved commendation of his sprightly and unique Weekly. It is different.

The Monroe Journal surprised and gratified its subscribers and exchanges last week by sending them along with the regular Journal a 44-page magazine chock full of interesting matter about Union county. A view, in colors, of Monroe graced the front page. And now here comes the Journal again with another gratifying surprise: Rowland Beasley has decided to overcome his editorial lethargy, or laziness, and pay more attention to the editorial page. Good. Beasley is one of the most thoughtful as well as entertaining writers in the state, but he has been "lazy," sure enough.

President Harper of Elon College in last week's Christian Sun, most aptly defined the difference between the conception of education thirty years ago and that of today. "Thirty years ago," say Dr. Harper, "the schools were supposed to prepare for life; today they are life." He is quoted from memory, but the idea is there, and there is little question as to which is the more worthy conception of what a school should be. The writer himself used to try to inspire boys "to grind their axes" before going into the woods to cut trees. But a better conception of what the school should be and do is now conveyed by this illustration: When a boy on the big old sand hill farm we never saw a plough or a hoe carried to the grindstone. However dull it might be when bought, the tool became bright and keen-edged before many days by mere cutting its way through the sand. Work sharpened its tool, without the "preparation" at the grindstone. But the schools of thirty years ago were grindstones, not sand-loam fields. But most of the schools of today have yet far to go before they accord with Dr. Harper's conception of them as "life."

Editor Archie Johnson has advanced in his old age in his conception of how to make a country weekly readable. We recall when he advised editors to rely upon cross roads correspondents and "get as many names in the paper as possible." We knew better then and in those old Lumberton Argus days could arouse more interest with a three-inch live piece of audacity than all the items about Tom, Dick, and Harry's goings could have aroused in a year.

We saw a Robesonian a few months ago whom we hadn't seen in 19 years and he was ready to quote our get-off on the town council when there was a furor because of their cutting the shade trees. Governor McLean was a member of the council and we greatly regret that we spared him and did not embalm his first officialdom in the parody of "To whit, to whit, to wheel!" But A. E. White, then mayor, now chairman of the state prison board, is in it all right. But Robeson offered a vast field for a dare-devil young editor to play his deflation pranks. But with all our outrageous conduct, only one man got mad and stayed so, and he was angered by an article written by Bob Lawrence in our absence. We had told Bob to write anything he pleased for the editorial column, but when we saw the paper we knew the fat was in the fire. There were two of those upper-enders hot as blazes but one of them died a few years later. Bob was the other's attorney and one day we walked into the lawyer's office and found the writer of the article and the man angered in friendly converse. But the gentleman wouldn't speak to the poor innocent editor who had shouldered it all. The editor journeyed on to Georgia and Louisiana. The years flew by, more than a dozen of them, and one day the editor found himself face to face at the Fayetteville depot with his former enemy. Poking out his hand, he said, "Howdy, Mr. Marley?" and Mr. Marley gave the hand a hearty shake and spoke affably, but looked puzzled. "You don't know me, do you, Mr. Marley?" This is O. J. Peterson. And one more thing we had learned—that you can get a man to speak to you by going away and staying till he has forgotten you. But Mr. Marley did look sheepish when he discovered the trick that had been played upon him. For Sheriff George McLeod was the editor's own kind—liked a fellow all the more after a lively bout with him.

YOU ARE WANTED at Pittsboro's Greatest Auction Event, Friday Nov. 6th, 10:30 A. M. in Jack Lanins' Grove, North Pittsboro. 96 Splendid Home Sites to go at your price.

A FRANK STATEMENT

Preparing Our Subscribers for Anything that May Happen the Next Few Days.

The publisher of the Record is prepared to satisfy the Farmers' Bank, which holds a note given by the former owner and assumed by the present publisher. Already it has been cut down \$1,000 approximately, while for two years it had stood before the present publisher assumed the obligation without a cent of reduction. Frankly, the present publisher expected to have a fairer show in paying this note, but he has no particular complaint to make of the bank. On the other hand, we did confidently expect to have a reasonable time to pay off the second mortgage note, given Mr. Shaw but now in another's possession. But we have been mistaken, and find the holder unwilling to renew, though the money is in the bank to pay the interest for the next year, and the security as it now stands has been improved by the large payment on the first mortgage.

Frankly, we cannot pay both notes now and do not believe that any party to the contracts, when we bought, expected them to be paid in a single year or contemplated pressure. Under the circumstances, the payment to the Farmers Bank is being withheld, since there is no use in pulling one's hand out of one fire to stick it in another. However, we hope that the reasonable proposition to pay the interest in advance will be accepted and the note renewed, thus giving another fall and another year to get the business on its feet. But one need not be surprised at all at anything that may happen the next ten days.

A WORD TO BOYS

Boys have had a fine opportunity here in Chatham to learn the importance of a good reputation. Men can scarcely outlive the reputation made as boys. When trouble comes a good reputation may save one. Indeed, the excellent reputation of Fon Burke's mother was his only hope of acquittal—so it is possible for it to save others. On the other hand, a bad reputation may damn its possessor and others too.

See the list of those punished last week for dealing in liquor and for acts committed while under the influence. Read of over a half hundred dying in this state within a year from alcoholism; simply view the accursed stuff in any light and one must conclude that the best thing for a youth to do is to follow Solomon's advice, and touch not and taste not. Quitting is much harder than not beginning. The editor as a youth would no more have gone into one of the dozen barrooms of Clinton than he would have gone into a hornet's nest. The consequence is he has never had to try to quit drinking. Boys, don't begin, and to be sure you don't, don't go about stills or go out hunting bootleggers. Barrooms were lawful in the days of which we spoke, yet the boy that was wise shied round them. Any sale or even giving of liquor is unlawful and that is a second reason why a fellow that hopes to be a good citizen should shun the stuff and those who deal in it.

Virginia elected a Democrat governor, but that is scarcely news. However, it is interesting to note that the new governor bears one of the aristocratic names of Virginia's Colonial days—Byrd; but two to one he is descended from one of the humbler barnyard fowls of the celebrated Colonel's day.

Foy Roberson Saw Red Grange

(From the Chapel Hill Weekly)

Dr. Foy Roberson of Durham, formerly of Chapel Hill, went to Philadelphia last week to attend a national convention of surgeons. At least, that's what he says he went for, but the fact that the Illinois football team was scheduled to play Pennsylvania Saturday may have stimulated his enthusiasm for the knifery's confab. He sat in the rain for two hours and, utterly amazed, as were many thousands of other onlookers, saw the super-ground-gainer, Red Grange, work his magic on the Pennsylvanians. Dr. Roberson reports that Grange is a marvel plus—worthy of all the eulogies that have been showered upon him. The wonder of his performance on Saturday was such that the Pennsylvania crowd, instead of sorrowing over the home team's defeat, were lost in admiration of the man who administered it. At the end of the game, as he proceeded to the dressing room in the gymnasium, a cheering mob swarmed upon the field to get a closer look at the hero.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW that the paving on Highway No. 75 east the state more than \$40,000.00 per mile. Is that worth anything to a Home Site in North Pittsboro, N. C.?

FINDS CULTURE IN KAMCHATKA

Petropavlosk, in Eastern Siberia, Up-to-Date City.

Seattle, Wash.—The impressions that Kamchatka, Siberia, is a land of desolation, inhabited only by Eskimos and bears, is far from the truth, Capt. Albert Grove, commander of a fishing schooner recently returned from the region, declared here.

"I was very much surprised at the conditions existing in Petropavlosk," Capt. Grove said, "for I had an entirely different idea of the place before we arrived there last May. They have fine schools, splendid sanitary conditions, well-paved streets, modern machinery, radio, motion pictures and practically everything any metropolis enjoys.

"Their schools are particularly efficient. I was told that nine years ago only 30 per cent of the population could read and write, whereas now over 90 per cent of them, both adults and children, are well advanced in the rudiments of schooling.

"So efficient were the schools there that Kenneth Price, a Seattle high school boy in my crew, requested permission to remain in Petropavlosk for a year to study special branches, and I allowed him to do it.

"The people of Petropavlosk are strong for outdoor sports, and persons of both sexes, young and old, take a keen delight in the almost weekly contests waged in the city stadium.

"The fisheries of Kamchatka are a Japanese concession, but the agreement seems to be administered most amicably."

OUR ROYAL VISITOR



Nana Amoah III, king of Cape Coast on the Gold Coast of West Africa, who rules a country of 130,000 people, is making a tour of the United States. He wears his native costume and carries gold-handled knives.

"Black Glass" Enables Photograph in Darkness

Tokyo.—After several years' investigation, Jusei Sugiyu, a scientist of the experimental station of Osaka, is reported to have invented a black glass of special kind which is expected to prove of great military value. It is said the glass is opaque to all but ultraviolet rays, and by its use, battle formations or the movements of an enemy can be easily photographed in darkness without detection. Moving pictures, it is claimed, can also be taken in the dark by its use.

Experiments with the new glass made recently in the presence of Rear Admiral Muto are said to have proved a complete success.

The inventor declares the glass will be found valuable in medical treatment.

Realtors Used Modern Ad Methods in 79 A. D.

New York.—The to let "ad" in 79 A. D. was not totally unlike our own in phraseology, but painted conspicuously in red and black letters on the sides of buildings, and was in vogue in Herculaneum and Pompeii, according to reports of excavators who have been uncovering ruins of the ancient cities buried in 79 A. D. One such advertisement is said to have been translated as follows:

"On the estate of Julia Felix, daughter of Spurius Felix, are to let from the first to the sixth of the Ides of August on a lease of five years, a bath, a venereum and ninety shops, bowers and upper apartments.

Birds Feast on Plane

Wenatchee, Wash.—A flight of migrating grasshoppers encountered the airplane of Leo Waldron, fire ranger, while soaring over the Wenatchee forest and clung to every portion of the machine. Large numbers of swallows immediately began to feast on the stowaways.

Swims Niagara

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—William (Red) Hill, a veteran riverman, swam across the Niagara river just below the falls. He made the distance of a little more than a half mile in eleven minutes.

This was the first time the feat was ever accomplished, it is believed.

Displeased with October

(From the Chapel Hill Weekly)

October 1925 didn't seem to satisfy. The New York Times denounces it roundly under the heading, "A Rude October." The Greensboro News handles it in a dispassionate scientific manner, setting down in detail the temperature and rainfall record. "The mean maximum temperature was 67.9," it says, "and the mean minimum was —," and so on. We like the way the word mean occurs again and again in this analysis. October was mean, all right.

This part of the country, it seems to us, never before got such shabby treatment in the way of weather as it has had these last few months. Through the blistering summer the harried soul sought to cheer itself with hopes of pleasant autumn days when it would be neither hot nor cold. But there was almost no midway season—we passed quickly from sweltering to shivering husbands who may usually leave their furnaces forgotten till near Thanksgiving time had to descend into the cellar and begin shoveling coal when they should have been lolling happily on a sunny porch.

Oh, all my days I'll sing the praise

Of brown October ale.

sang the yeomen in "Robin Hood." If we had this beverage at hand we might console ourselves while the rain falls and the wind whistles at the windows, but October ale, or any other kind, is not permitted to us now.

The best comfort we can get is from ungenerous gloating over people who fared still worse. "With anthracite at \$24 a ton, below zero-weather in South Dakota, football teams in

Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois forced by snow-covered fields to practice indoors," says the Times, "no self-respecting poet can sing the old songs" of a beautiful and friendly October. Frederick H. Koch came back to Chapel Hill from Iowa Sunday evening and told of how, at Iowa University, the rain-soaked leaves of the trees had frozen before the summer green had given way to the tints of fall, and had then shriveled up, giving the campus an aspect barren and ghastly.

"But nature has her compensations," the Times has the opti-

mism to remark," and November may be kind to us, smile on us, be gracious and beguile us with Indian Summer days once more." Well, we hope so. But we don't bank on it. We have found a self-help student who is a good and faithful coal-shoveler, and are prepared for the worst.

WE WANT TO Serve You Best possible. To do this we will sell you your future home if you will cooperate with us just a little Friday Nov. 6th, 10:30 A. M., Pittsboro, N. C.

96 MAGNIFICENT Home Sites At Auction, Pittsboro, N. C., Friday Nov. 6th, 10:30 A. M. On exceedingly Easy Terms. Durham Auction Co will sell them and let you name the price.

WILLIAMS-BELK COMPANY'S WEEK-END SPECIALS

- 56-in. bordered flannel.....\$1.69
- New Lot ladies' sport hats.....\$1.25
- Big table ladies' and children's shoes, SPECIAL\$1.00
- 36-in. heavy outing flannel, solid colors and stripes25c yd.
- Good quality outing flannel, dark and light shades19c yd.

JUST IN

- New lot ladies' and children's underwear
- Men's heavy union suits.....\$1.25 suit

Williams-Belk Company

Steele Street

Sanford, N. C.

Bargain Week at Siler City Closes Saturday Night, Nov. 7th.

You have Two Full Days to take advantage of the splendid bargains offered. It is your loss if you do not come and buy while the Bargain Week Prices prevail. The following merchants are cooperating in this big bargain event.

IT IS SILER CITY'S BIG BARGAIN WEEK

THE HARDWARE STORE, INC. is offering a number of useful articles at greatly reduced prices.

FOX & CO. are selling 3 lbs. of 40 cent coffee for a Dollar.

ISAACSON-HUNT Siler City's newest store, will sell you men's and ladies' ready-to-wear at prices that will please you.

The Siler City Hardware Store invites you to price, their stoves and heaters. Full line of electrical supplies.

WOODY BROTHERS offer real bargains in ready-to-wear and piece goods. Dress up at Woody's.

MARLEY'S FURNITURE STORE is making a 10 per cent cut on all their furniture. That means a whole lot when you consider that their prices are not as high as those in the cities to start with.

WRENN BROS. CO. Will make big cuts on furniture these two days, i. e., as big as their usual low prices will justify.

Gregory's Five and Ten Cent Store will surprise you by the number of beautiful and useful articles it will sell you from a nickel to \$2.00.

SILER CITY DRUG COMPANY will offer bargains in every department.

Go straight to CAVINESS For Bargain Week coats and dresses

THE S-A CASH GROCERY The Pure Food Store Sell good groceries cheap; Cheap groceries they do not keep.

WRENN BROS. CO. Sell almost everything, but call attention to their specials in clothing and shoes.

J. M. MARLEY & CO.'S Specials should mean many dollars saved for you. See big poster for particulars. They sell clothing, dry goods, etc.

WIGGINS & NYE Prescription Druggists, want you to make yourselves at home at their store. They have comfortable quarters.

The Farmers' Alliance & Union Store offer special values in ready-made clothing. They carry a general line of merchandise at their usual low prices.

BROWERS' Has hundreds of bargains for you in Men's and ladies' wear and dry goods. They will gladly show you what they have whether you buy or not.

It Is Clear It Will Pay You to Go To Siler City Friday and Saturday and Do Your Trading