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THE SHORT BALLOT AND COM-

MISSION GOVERNMENT. The sensation sprung in Buncombe county over the secret sale of county bonds is still the subject of animated discussions. Two propositions are now under consideration for restoring confidence in the county government and preventing a relapse in the progress of road-building and other public work for which Buncombe has been noted among the counties of North Carolina. One is that the present board of commissioners resign and a new board be elected in their place, and the other that a commission form of government be established by the Legislature to supersede the old county government system under which Buncombe and all other North Carolina counties are now running. A mass meeting will be held in Asheville tomorrow to discuss these propositions and other questions following the secret sale of county bonds. At this meeting instructions will be given' the Buncombe Senator and Representatives as to the kind of legislation they shall enact to meet the present emergency.

The commission form of government for State and counties is in line is that all State offices except Gov- character and tendency in public pointees of the Governor, under his

commission gomernment in a number of progressive towns. Under either plan, all county officers would commission, as the case may be, and which a Progressive can land. the work done by heads of departments appointed with a view to their fitness for the spe ial work and for economy and efficiency of service.

has started an interesting line of thought and discussion. We take it that the mass meeting in Asheville t morrow will give this subject some a live question all over North Caro- give the names of the men he had way and did the same thing. 'Long line before many other campaigns heard were the guilty parties and the about 3 o, clock in the morning there are waged.

One o fthe chief features of government under the short ballot system will be publicity, frequent statements of financial transactions, and minute itemizing of all sources of income and disbursements, and the practice of sound business principles, efficiency and progress in every department of county work.

The county commissioners of Catawba have subjected themselves to some criticisms similiar that in Buncombe for disregarding the accustomed rules of publicity, in their failure to publish the items of disburse-

"Catawba in Days of Yore" as set forth in the weekly articles which The Enterprise has been publishing She has been served with a summons. is quite the most readable and entertaining local history ever published in the county; and this paper is very glad indeed that it has been favored by the author with the series.

The articles appear each Tuesday but shop difficulties prevented the publication of the installment last Tuesday and it appears today. Scores of readers have had something to day. He reported that Mrs. Mary her throat and run out of the house. say about the articles, and from their Ann Ballard, an aged lady of the I followed and she made off down the in reading them has been universal at 7:30. The funeral and burial was among Enterprise subscribers. The Rev. Dodson conducting services. present supply of installments is not quite exhausted and before it is quite the home of Mrs. Eliza Heavener, along. By the time we'd gotten to used up we aim to importune, beseech or bully the delightful writer into making up some more. He has delighted suits enterprised to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the standard process of the Asheville road there was a half to the Asheville road the ashever the to the Asheville road there was a half to the Asheville road there was a half t delved quite entensively into colonial records and tradition and the result weathers were happily married Sun- wife, she never says a word. She day afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the didn't want Bud to be trusted with is the scholarly, accurate and very readable chapters we have been publishing.

No doubt the allies are bullying Greece and violating her rights; but the wail she is putting up sounds weak and silly when compared with the groans that issue out of Belgium.

There can hardly be a comparison of have not devastated the land, killed non-combatants, or carried them off wholesale into slavery. In other words, "frightfulness" has not been tried on the Greeks, and on the whole they are relatively lucky.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Bills are aluready before the Leg-State drug inspector to enforce the good friends, hey Bess?"

Henry Page's bill making it man- the light of intelligent tion shone in her eyes.

tion of one man who might be given the title of County Governor or something of like meaning, or a commis- good, kicked out of the traces and The shadows of the mountains sion of three men, as is the plan of declined to break bread with the old- were lengthening and the old hound's be abolished and the functions of the has endorsed, renouncing fellowship the western sky already beginning to county commissioners, board of edu- with the Republican party as it is hold promise of many colors. "Ancation, sheriff, clerk, register of deeds, now led and declaring that the pro- other clear day, stranger, for tomortreasurer, coroner and surveyor gressives and standpatters are now then he fell silent for a space. would all be under the immediate di- further apart than ever. The Demorection of the county governor or cratic party offers the only place in We waited until nine o'clock or there-

the charges that advance informa- few tunes on the organ or banjo. But tion of President Wilson's peace note we couldn't wait any longer then, and This is the meaning of the short ballot system, and Governor Bickett ballot system, and Governor Bickett speculators and that cabinet officers up towards Stoney mountain over ey in stock transactions on account of the "leak," is now on in earnest.

When threatened with jail unless he wrap on and went and told some of the neighbors and I went another whom he had gotten his information, though, and they went back home. Lansing and McAdoo, a Senator who down to rest. was known as Senator O, German statements. All the persons mention- boy. ed except the German Ambassador, HIGHLY ENTERTAINING ARTI- mittee. Lawson does not claim to mors and the promise of a woman tain sunset. who professes to know it all to tell it when put on the witness stand.

LINCOLN NEWS NOTES

(The Lincoln News)

Lector Ledford and Miss Minnie ter after I talked about it-for my residence of Rev. L. L. Lohr, who a gun, you see. She always said he performed the ceremony. The groom was too young. I wish—" is of Cleveland county. The bride is The hound was standing now look-the adopted daughter of Mr. and ing intently at the steep mountain

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

("Observer," in Asheville Citizen)

One is to appoint a commission of derstandingly.

State officers to study the financial He stood, an upright figure of a right to the spot, with Bess far a subjects may be taken in the six and taxing systems of other States man at the Balfour station, a long head. The first man to find Bud had weeks. These subjects will be taught

which caused the defeat of all the quickly at the name-"and the dog my wife will allow in the house to amendments voted on four years ago, were babies together, almost. I've day. Sometimes I think they un as the sources of revenue cannot be always kept nigh a dozen dogs on derstand one another better than as the sources of revenue cannot be the place, you know, for it seems like do. But Bess likes to go with me segregated without a constitutional I couldn't get along with less. But once in a while. Generally she stay: amendment. It may be possible that Bud and this one here took naturally around the house, for she's old." the study of the special committee to one another from the start. The He picked up his long rifle and may enable them to so word the a- boy'd often save some of his own throwing it in the hollow of his arn

tions raised against the last one. And "Bud always wanted to get out in appeared. The dimly heard whistle of it may be that a plan may be form 1- the woods and he could handle a rifle the approaching passenger train was lated by which bonds, notes and other the woods and he could handle a line the approaching passenger train was better than most men before he was heard. His listener picked up his ten years old. Wherever he went traveling bag. this hound went with him. He used "So that's why I say there's be taxed, as well as lands and other to go the school you see beyond strange things happen in this world, visible kinds of property, without those pines-over there on the Ashe- repeated the man with the rifle. The resorting to an amendment. The ville road. The worst fight Bud ever hounds came nearer and looked up other bill is one to regulate the use boys there rocked Bess. Seemed like standingly. and sale of patent medicines. It will they were better friends than ever "I've always believed that Bess require printing on the bottle the after that. One of the rocks hit the waited as long as she could for us to names and quantities of the ingre- dog on the leg. She limped for a come after the boy and then she told dients and the appointment of a long time and Bud used to carry the other dogs to guard Bud while state drug inspector to enforce the

taxes graded on the amount of anthe hollow of his arm. Her tail no window he saw a tall figure, some taxes are dealers to pay license man with the rifle resting easily in traveler looked from the Pullman ain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allw time for one mean longer wagged understandingly but what stooped now, slowly making its to digest before another. Not less the light of intelligence and affec- way across a field covered with brown than five hours should elapse be-

the adoption of the short ballot. By school boards and county superin- hunting. He'd done his chores and gleamed in distant farm houses. the short ballot is meant the election tendents on the petition of a majority split up an extra supply of fat of only a small number of State and of the voters is ve ring avery from pine for his mother to use in the CONFERENCES ON MEXICO county officers, who will have directheuniformity in the educational system a thoughtful boy, for his age, and tion of all State and county depart- tem that Governor Lekett so strong- since he's gone his mother and Bess ments and administration and appointed and appointed and appoint the assistants necessary to carbon the assistant necessary to carbon the assi ry on the work. Governor Bickett'sidea of a bill to emphasize the mongrel times or I'd bust. Are you interested would insure peace and order on the Fort Leavenworth and turned them

ernor and Lieutenant-Governor be school work may have the good ef- hunting one afternoon and the whole ranza refused to sign the protocol abolished and that the work of all fect of restoring real unformity by blame pack of dogs went with him. and the whole matter reverts to the State departments be done by ap- repealing all the speical county bills. They saw Bud with the gun and Bess president to settle as he sees fit. couldn't have kept them dogs on the the American troops from Mexico, supervision and responsibility. This The meeting of the Republican Na- couldn't have kept them dogs on the the American troops from Mexico place then. I watched him go down but at the same time it appears that would make the business of the State tional committee in New York Mon- the hill and strike thepath across the this will not be entertained until Carsimilar to that of a great corporation day on a call of chairman Wilcox to fields to the Asheville road. His ranza can say that the bandits which and would be conducted on modern of the Republican and Rull Moose the house, shading her eyes from the up. In fact, the troops will very likeof the Republican and Bull Moose sun. She always did say that Bud ly not be withdrawn until the presi The short ballot idea applied to the forces, was a failure. Even Geogre was too young to be trusted with a dent knows for sure that no more counties would contemplate the elec- W. Perkins and Colby of New Jersey gun, but I laughed at her. She nev- bandit troubles will arise.

at a neighbors along the road. He The Congressional investigation of was a friendly little fellow and they always made him stay for a bite or a and members of Congress made mon- there, they said. I searched along name of the Congressman from was maybe fifteen or more m n hunt-Tom Lawson, the sensational Boston had to go too, for I couldn't hardly speculator, named Henry of Texas, travel, I was that tired. His mother the chairman of the committee as never said a word, that morning the Congressman referred to and rocked and rocked. I couldn't do brought in the names of Secretaries anything more for a while and laid

Ambassador Bernstoff, Secretary along the sand and now her long Tumulty, a newspaper correspondent head rested on the man's foot. "If White, and several bankers. Chair- it hadn't been for Bess, here"-and man Henry and Secretary McAdoo again the tail wagged approvingly, have indignantly denied Lawson's -"if it hadnt been for Bess it might have been days before we found the

The deep banked clouds were now and a good many others have been tinted with delicate rose. Here and summoned to appear before the com- there a green sky was seen in their drifts. The lonesome pine on Stoney's have any information more than ru- against the coming glory of a mounsummit waved its fire-scarred arms

Bess came back. She came at a lope and tried to get into the house. Her whining and scratching at the kitchen Confidence in the men mentioned has door aroused my wife and when she not been shaken by Lawson's gossip opened the door the hound jumped into the room-something she had never done before, for my wife never would allow the dogs in the house. The hound kept running from one room to another and I jumped up out of bed and spoke to her. I asked her just like I would a human, where was expressions we judge that pleasure Kidsville section, died Saturday night hill. She crossed the creek and I

Mrs. A. S. Scronce, of Lincoln county. side, deep in purple shadows while the dying day was passing in an in-describable glory of colors to an-other world. "Long about this time Bess always looks over yonder at the mountain, I don't believe she's ever forgotten the time she took us all

to the place where Bud's gun had A. & Greece with Belgium, for the allies HOW BESS BROUGHT WORD dropped. We figured it out afterwards that he'd stubbed his toe. He must have died quickly.

The Strange Part. "But the strange part of it all, "Stranger, there's queer things stranger, was that the other dogs happen in this world, and that's a were around the body. One of the fact, sure. Folks generally don't be- other men happened to find them fering a short course in textile work lieve dogs can reason, for instance. first, and the hounds wouldn't let for mill men, beginning February 12 But me, I know different. Take that him get anywhere near Bud. He was and extending through March 24. hound dog there, now. She came stretched out there as peaceful as if This course is espeically designed back home that afternoon and told he was in his own bed. I remember for busy people who wish to cover as us about Bud getting killed on you there were some sumac bushes close side o fthat mountain. The rest of by and the sedge grass was so high length of time and will include such islature to carry out two of the re- the pack staid there and guarded the that at first you couldn't see the boy, subjects as picking, carding, spincommendations of Governor Bickett. body." He stooped over and patted or the dogs. We heard them, or they hing, loom fixing for plain and fanthematically the old hound, whose tail wagged understandingly.

and make a report and recommenda- rifle resting in the hollow of his arm to run back, for the pack showed practically and as thoroughly as the and make a report and recommenda-tions to the next Legislature. In the Governor's opinion, no just or suc-ley. The lonely pine on its summit hear a dog howl again like she did cessful plan can be adopted that does stood solitary and apart from its fel- that night. When I got there the not give separate sources of revenue lows, fire-killed trunk and branches hounds made way for me, and Bess for State and county purposes. This sharply revealed against the after- just stopped and followed us home for State and county purposes. This is getting back to the amendment is getting back to the amendment "Bud"—the old hound looked up a day or two, and she's the only do: may enable them to so word the addinger to feed the pup, and it grew prepared to leave. Far down the railway tracks a white cloud of smoke

ing, I'd like to know what is."

law, the expenses to be met by requiring retail dealers to pay license easily. She looked intently at the tion. Ahearty handshake and as the with Governor Bickett's recommendation in his inaugural address for dation in his inaugural address for missioners to call an election for this time, Bud said he was going inght and here and there lights you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen

HAVE ENDED IN FAILURE

"As I started out to say, Bud went ing failed to agree on anything. Car here trailing him and God Almighty There seems a desire to withdraw

> Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The Chinese government is about to open its first aviation school.

The cotton mill men of the state should be interested in the announcement that the textile department of he North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is now of-

time will permit so that the mill men will be able to get as much out of the

At the last meeing of the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' association a number of manufacturers signified their intention to send men to take this course. Since that time other manufacturers have notified he textile department that they expect to send representatives. Preent indications point to a large attendance, making it advisable for invone intending to take this course to write to the textile department imnediately. All supplies used in the work will be supplied at cost and no charge is made for tuition.

Found a Sure Thing. I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for discorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's l'ablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable eveywhere. adv

Statesville is going to enlarge her limits and take in 2,500 more people with three-quarters of a million dol lars of property.

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o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and ain to be troubled with indigestion. sedge. A this heels walked an antiween meals. If you are troubled recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to per-form its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

Three captains of the regular army n as original drawings.

The Habit of Taking Cold. With many people taking cold is a nabit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first et out of bed-not ice cold, but a emperature of about 90 degrees F also sleep with your window up. Do his and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Champerlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainble everywhere.

Pete Wright and Aza Pruette of No. 11 township in Cleveland county have been arrested by revenue of-icers on charge of making whiskey. They are out on bonds of \$300, cash, for their appearance the 23rd at

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