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Japan says Russia has sold the railroad. Wonder if that came off the same typewriter that says Manchukuo is an independent country.—Dallas Morning News.

Redistribution Of Wealth

Communistic agitators in this day and time are clamoring for a redistribution of wealth and they do not know what they are clamoring for.

If the total wealth of this country was evenly distributed today, nobody would have enough to do anything with, and the process of collecting wealth by the more shrewd and smart people would be all over again.

But Irene Du Pont, who the Greensboro Daily News refers to as the 'big shell and powder man,' who allegedly made his millions on munitions profits, comes out with the statement that the government cannot tax away wealth from those who have it and give it to those who haven't got it.

As a matter of fact, however, "those who have may be safer when those who haven't are kept from starving, as history, going no farther back than the French revolution, will offer testimony," the Greensboro News editorial continues.

We do not favor taxing anybody's possessions to give somebody else. That would be putting a premium on idleness and would wreck the morality of a people and lead to chaos. But, we do believe that wealth should be taxed to give the people a chance to EARN something for themselves.

No, the government does not owe anybody a living and should not be paternal; but its responsibility in going as far as possible to give people an opportunity to earn a living is a big one and should be met.

"Dole" and "direct relief" are two things that are nauseating to people who work for everything they have. There are some people who are not able to earn a living. These should be taken care of in the proper institutions and all who are able to work should sweat for their livelihood.

Democracy

Sometimes we are prone to think our government is not perfect, and of course it isn't, but a survey of other forms of government lead to the natural conclusion that democracy is the only form of government that will stand the test of the ages and prove anything like satisfactory.

Below we are reproducing from a Winston-Salem Journal editorial the results of some of the monarchical forms of government:

Charles I was a tyrant who had his Cromwell. He went to the scaffold.

Marie Antoinette told the hungry mob to eat cake. She went to the guillotine.

Premier Dollfus brought pressure to bear on the Austrian Socialists and his government murdered many of them in their Vienna apartments. Dollfus was assassinated.

King Alexander, we are told by Louis Adamie, was a harsh king, stern dictator, cruel tyrant. King Alexander was murdered at Marseilles.

So what now? Adolf Hitler has assumed the role of tyrant and has ordered murder and assassination in the name of the state. Premier Mussolini rules with an iron hand. Will these two men also read their destiny in the muzzle of a revolver or machine gun?

The ruler who governs with an iron hand must take his chances and assume great risks. His life is constantly in danger. His power of the moment may be shattered suddenly by a bullet or a keen knife coming out of the dark.

Just government, according to the Jeffersonian ideal may not be perfect, but it usually is healthiest, although we, too, have had our rulers to fall by the hand of assassins.

In a government where one man is king in every sense of the word, the people have no way of changing things except by a revolution or assassination. In America we can speak for ourselves and in a peaceable way go to the polls and completely change the governing powers. It is a mighty fine country after all its faults are considered.

Wilkes Scores Heavily

Sweepstakes on apples, poultry, corn and wheat are a part of the premiums Wilkes county farmers carried off at the North Carolina state fair last week, excelling the entire state on four staple crops. What other county in the state made such a record?

We are justly proud of what our people can do farming against more or less adverse circumstances, and The Journal-Patriot hastens to put in a word of congratulations to the winners.

Winning prizes at the North Carolina state fair is not a question of luck and the element of luck does not enter into the matter at all. It is a question of producing the best.

Surely such a record will gain for Wilkes some favorable publicity that will go far toward balancing off some of the bad marks we have had heralded against our fair county during the past few years.

Many of us have heard too many times the remark from somebody in other parts of the state: "Wilkes, oh yes, that's the place corn liquor comes from," or "That's the place where they had five murders in one month."

Our 35,000 peaceful people are not commented on but about 1,000 are the source of all the bad publicity. Wilkes county can boast of its corn in solid form, because our corn club boys won almost everything in sight at the state fair. Apples from the Brushies (not brandy) gained the envy of the entire state at the fair exhibit halls. Wheat exhibited by J. L. Gregory won both first prizes and James Pennell gathered a flock of blue ribbons on his chickens.

Thus the overwhelming better element is being heard from and getting recognition from the remainder of the state. Just why Wilkes should be spoken of in a sarcastic manner by people from other parts of the state is beyond us, considering the many ways we are able to excel the efforts of others. Wilkes exhibits with their blue ribbons spoke a forceful message to the state and the successful exhibits ring a challenge to our other farmers to do as well.

The Book

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

A BOOK IS STARTED

From Athens Paul went to Corinth, then the Panama of the ancient world where a boom was in progress waiting a government appropriation for the digging of the canal, which had still to wait seventeen hundred years. Bachelor as he was, Paul utilized more than any of the other apostles the abilities of women. In Corinth he was fortunate in finding a woman of talent, Priscilla, who with her husband, Aquila, took him in. He and they were tent-makers and worked together; and Paul soon began to gather converts. The orthodox ruler of the synagogue, Sosthenes, did not like the way things were going and stirred up a crowd which hurried Paul before the Roman deputy, with the characteristically intolerant charge:

This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

The deputy, Gallio, was a brother to the Philosopher Seneca and a man of solid common sense.

And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews. If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness. O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you;

But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law; look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

And he drove them from the judgment seat.

With characteristic fickleness the crowd now turned on Sosthenes and administered a sound beating, which was in process when Gallio stepped out of the court room:

And Gallio cared for none of those things. Paul, who had been beaten repeatedly and once stoned and left for dead, rather enjoyed the spectacle, and the thrashing did Sosthenes good, for he subsequently became a convert. Indeed, when Paul was at Ephesus a few years later Sosthenes was with him; appears in the enviable position of joint author of the letter to the home folks, the Corinthians:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth.

Sometimes it takes a sound beating to open a hard-shelled mind to new truth, and the subsequent results may be of great benefit.

It was in Corinth that Paul developed what came to be his method: simply to move along the Roman roads from city to city, selecting important and favorable centers and "digging in" for a stay of considerable length, and establishing a work that would radiate in different directions through the agency of his own helpers and such visitors as came to see him and took away with them the essentials of his message.

But another thing happened in Corinth in that autumn, a momentous thing. There the New Testament began to be written.

China is taking to gum chewing, first of the far eastern nations to go completely American.—Omaha World-Herald.

The Mountain Meadow Massacre

By R. DON LAWS

If the readers' taste for quiet reading in literature has been blunted or staled by the daily press reports of the Dillingers, Bruno Hauptmann and the Vanderbilt court fight, I can play the part of the Hamlet ghost and tell a tale of Mormon murder that will harrow his soul and freeze his blood.

In the year of 1857 a party of 170 emigrants, well-to-do and anxious to better their condition, started, from Arkansas and Missouri for California far across the mountains. There was no Pullman for them, but a train of ox wagons or prairie schooners. The way was long, hot and dusty, a savage climate by day, savage wolves by night, and fatigue and hunger all the time for the men as well as the women and children. The supplies soon ran low and when the emigrants reached Utah they attempted to get food just like other emigrant travelers, but they were denied. Why? Because of no money, because they were not needy? No, because Brigham Young told his Mormon followers that he would sentence them to death if they gave food, clothing, medicine, or any help to these needy emigrants. And why this cruel order? Because Brigham Young was angry, since a furious husband in Arkansas had killed Elder Pratt of the Mormon church who had stolen his wife, taken her to Utah and Mormonized her.

Fain and yet pursuing they came to the famous, infamous place, Mountain Meadow. It was here the red-handed Indians savagely attacked them, but they barricaded themselves, fought and were safe. Then, like the Assyrian wolf that came down on the fold, the Mormon militia attacked them, but love for wife and child nerved the emigrants to repel them. Self-made prisoners, they needed water from the spring just outside their stockade. One day they dressed two of their little girls in white and sent them for water, believing they would be safe. But these dear little girls had gone but a few steps when there was a flash, a roar from the Mormon militia, and the white dresses and the pale faces were all splashed with blood and they sank never to rise. Then the emigrants made the sign of distress, sent a petition to the Mormons signed by the Odd Fellows and Masons to brother Mormon members of their particular lodge. One venerable Methodist raised his prayerful voice and hands in blessings over the heads of three emigrant men who bravely volunteered to go and present the petition for relief, but they, too, were shot down just like dogs. Pitying God, was there no help! Age-long hours passed, heads and hearts were aching and breaking, when one day some Mormon wagons approached the stockade, bearing a white flag of truce and declaring that if the emigrants would only surrender and lay down their arms, they might walk out unharmed and be at perfect liberty.

First came the men, then the women and the children. They gladly marched out of the barricade, when at a signal the old and the young, the men and the women, the parents and the children were murdered by the Mormon militia with guns and knives. All were butchered but a few children thought to be too young to tell the awful story. The emigrant women were too old or too weak to walk and were dragged out to where their dead were, were stripped naked of their clothing, shot dead and piled up in heaps. Then the murderous Mormons took the emigrants' jewelry, clothing, stock, and wagons, to the amount of over \$200,000, and went home to read their Mormon bible and praise their gods, Brigham Young and Joe Smith, for their great victory.

After 15 years, when John D. Lee, the Mormon bishop, was on trial in court, he testified that in this massacre of the emigrants he was only acting on orders from headquarters, and that Brigham Young had given orders how the property of the murdered emigrants was to be distributed. It is also said that years later when Brigham Young visited the scene of the murder and learned that the United States government officers had gathered up the bones of the murdered emigrants, buried them and placed a head board over the big grave with the inscription, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay saith the Lord," he gave orders to have it torn down. What Devil more damned in evils! To remember this spot and recall its blood makes one think in the words of David's imprecatory Psalms, or repeat Wilson's sonnet, "Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints."

WANT NUT SAMPLES FROM NATIVE TREES

Good nut trees bring a three-fold advantage to the farm home, says Prof. M. E. Gardner, of State college. They produce food, provide shade and add to the attractiveness of the landscape.

Gardner is interested in locating and developing the best nut trees native to North Carolina. Particular interest is centering around black walnut, butternut, hickory, native hazel, northern pecan and some of the hesh nut trees. He suggests that farmers who wish to help in the work, and who wish to be helped, send small samples of their best nuts to C. A. Reed, bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, Washington. A pound of small nuts or two pounds of large nuts will be enough.

The bureau will examine the nuts and plant them in test plots.



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CRIME CURE

Salt Lake City—A Nevada county has solved the bank robbery problem in an effective manner, the local bureau of investigation, U. S. department of justice, learned today. In response to a questionnaire sent out by the bureau, the sheriff of the fortunate county replied:

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