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All nations are busy preparing for war which none of them wants.—Jacksonville Journal.

Well, anyhow, France hasn't got round to the point where men on relief work are striking.—Indianapolis News.

Japanese bullets imperiled the lives of Americans at a Chinese missionary school and Secretary Hull may tender an apology because they were in the way.—Indianapolis Star.

Stanley High thinks there won't be any third party next year. However, there seems to be some revival of belief that there will be a second party.—Omaha World-Herald.

The British government has ordered a levy of American chorus girls out of its country. They were probably suspected of trying to get back part of the war debt.—Detroit Free Press.

Representative Citizens

When the North Carolina Grange meets in convention in North Wilkesboro on September 25, 26 and 27, it will bring to this city approximately 500 delegates representing the best type of rural citizenship in the state.

And when we assemble 500 of the best type of rural people we are very close to getting the very best people of the commonwealth together. It is indeed a great honor and a great opportunity for North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county.

The Grange is a co-operative fraternity of the farming class of people. We cannot say that its members are in the wealthy class, yet most of them are what we would colloquially term "well-to-do." People who, in most cases, own and take pride in owning their homes, who are of good character, who take an active interest in schools, churches and their government. This is the type of people who really make up the backbone of the country, who hold together its moral and religious structure and who work untiringly for the best interests of their communities.

We have great respect for the industrialist who operates an honest business and gives employment to hundreds and thousands; we respect the statesmen who continually try to build up their country with constructive ideas; we look with favor on good bankers who safeguard the savings of our people; we admire the teachers and professors who toil to spread knowledge and understanding in the world; we are grateful for the scientists, physicians and surgeons who spend their lives in work and research in trying to make this world easier to live in; we have respect for the average business man, who, though working for a profit, furnishes services indispensable to the world.

Yet the better class of rural people who live in comparative obscurity, working year in and year out in their own communities for their homes, their schools and churches are hard to excel as representative citizens of their county, state and nation.

That is the type of people we will have in our midst during the Grange convention late this month. The convention will open the door to an opportunity never before presented to our people to advertise our town and county as the "garden spot" of the state in such qualifications as hospitality, courtesy and kind treatment.

It will be the duty of people of the Wilkesboros and vicinity to entertain these people in their homes, furnish them lodging and one meal each day. We feel that it is unnecessary to urge our people to do this because they will respond with the usual Wilkes county hospitality and goodwill that will write an indelible impression upon 500 good people from all corners of the state.

To The Rescue

Publicity about the Red Cross is most generally used during the annual roll of the members but such services

as that great humanitarian organization rendered in the catastrophe in Florida last week deserves editorial mention any time.

A hurricane swept over a great part of Florida, bringing death to about 800 people and acute suffering to thousands of others. The Red Cross, always ready on a moment's notice, stepped in and relieved the suffering, furnished clothing and lodging for those left destitute and in many other ways helped the unfortunate.

The one American institution which stands as a model for the whole world is the American Red Cross. The peculiar function of Red Cross is to bring aid to sufferers from physical disasters. The disaster may be due to the incidence of war, or the calamities such as are unusually termed "acts of God." In the popular mind, perhaps the relief service of the Red Cross in war stands out as typifying its work. But the greatest service of the Red Cross is to suffering humanity in times of peace. One has but to look at its record in recent years. The long arm of the Red Cross reached out to help the victims of more than one Mississippi flood, of the droughts which ravaged Arkansas and adjacent states five years ago, the unfortunates rendered homeless by hurricanes in the South and in Porto Rico, among others. Now it is adding to its laurels by its prompt and intelligent work in the flood-swept regions of New York State.

There is no delay about Red Cross aid in times of emergency. No red tape has to be cut. No politicians or other self-seekers have a finger in the pie. No breath of scandal has ever impugned either the motives of the Red Cross Administration or the integrity of those who handle its funds. Its money comes from voluntary contributions by millions of American citizens. Its organization is kept alive and flourishing by the voluntary labors of tens of thousands of devoted men and women—mainly women. It has at its call trained, efficient medical and nursing talent, and able administrators competent to take charge of any situation. It cooperates with all Government agencies but is under the control of none of them.

THE BOOK

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

By BRUCE BARTON

THE CRITICISMS OF VOLTAIRE AND PAINE

The newspapers of New York and London, of Paris and Rome, to say nothing of the universities in those and other countries, would charter ships to rush scholars and photographers and telegraphers to that place if any new book by a disciple of Jesus were found. They would run telegraphic lines and establish radio stations at the top of Mount Ararat or the heart of the desert of Sahara. As fast as the book could be photographed and translated, it would be printed on the front page of every newspaper in the world and broadcast from the principal radio stations. It would appear in book form almost overnight, and would outsell all the best sellers.

In the eighteenth century, that vitrollic genius, Voltaire, spoke of the Bible as a short lived book:

The Scripture was his jest-book, whence he drew Bon mots to gall the Christian and the Jew.

He said that within a hundred years it would pass from common use. Not many people read Voltaire today, but his house has been packed with Bibles as the depot of a Bible society.

Thomas Paine, a much abused man, said some good things which ought to be remembered to his credit, but in closing the first part of his Age of Reason he left this foolish summary of what he thought he had accomplished:

I have now gone through the Bible, as a man would go through a wood with an axe, and felled trees. Here they lie, and the priests may replant them, but they will never make them grow.

Despite efforts have been made to replant Paine's writings and give them again the influence which they were supposed once to have had. But if the Bible sells one single copy less for anything Payne ever wrote about or against it, the sales reports do not show it.

If a modern American author writes a book which has a moderately good sale in this country, and a London publisher takes over the edition and sells it in England, the author thinks well of his efforts. If his book is translated into German or French or Spanish or Italian or Russian or Scandinavian, he has reason to be proud. He is not likely to do more than this, and he may well congratulate himself if his novel or text-book or scientific treatise appears in a half-dozen tongues. But the Bible is extant in full, from the first verse of Genesis to the end of Revelation, in one hundred and eight languages. Many other languages and dialects do not justify as yet the entire translation. New alphabets had to be made; fonts of type had to be cast; difficult sounds had to be classified; grammars and dictionaries had to be prepared, so as yet in many dialects and mixed languages only the New Testament and some portions of the Old are printed.

PUBLIC PULSE

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ENDORSES ARTICLE BY MR. WILES

Mr. Editor:

The article by Mr. Wiles on the local situation in Wilkes county was timely and I want to congratulate him for his courage in exposing official wrongs by those office holders in the courthouse that begged last fall the voters to elect them to a salary that was already fixed and they knew this fact for they were the candidates of the dominant party in Wilkes whose nomination is equivalent to election. But within a month after taking the oath of their offices the sheriff, and register of deeds, and the clerk of superior court joined hands in having a bill drawn and passed in the Legislature by Representative Bryan and Senator Williams of Yadkin, in which law these county officials were granted \$800.00 each per year for "extra clerk hire" being nothing less than a raise of \$600.00 per year of the salary of these men, and costing the tax payers of this county \$1.80 per year. In my opinion this "Bill" was only smoke screen to hide the real raid on the treasury of the county in the form of ratifying tax sales for the benefit of Sheriff Somers as this Act was thrown in the legislative mill at about the same time. Prior to the enactment of this last bill relating to tax sales the law specifically stipulated that fees collected by the sheriff should go into the general county fund. The record will show that Sheriff Somers has never paid any land sales fees into the county since he has been sheriff and that he had collected approximately \$15,000 tax sales fees before this law was passed empowering him to retain such fees. There are around 1,900 advertised land sales for this year on which the sheriff will receive approximately \$3,700 in addition to his salary, which is a right tidy sum itself. It has been argued that the county loses nothing by the sheriff receiving these fees. Let us analyze a typical case and see: There are more than a dozen instances where the tax due the county was less than fifty cents it is charged and the sheriff sold for the tax, receiving \$1.90 net for his fee and the county getting the tax certificate worth fifty cents or less. In other words the sheriff when settling with the county puts in these tax sales certificates as cash.

Before this legislation was passed our tax rate was Eighty Cents. It is one dollar now, although ex-sheriff P. E. Brown assured the tax payers that had assembled in mass meeting to protest, it that "the cost to the average taxpayer would not amount to the price of a package of cigarettes" but modestly admitting that it might cost him more as he was considerably a large property owner. In the light of the increase from eighty cents to one dollar in the tax rate, I now ask him if he was correct in his assertion. We certainly have not received any additional benefits from the raise, but it seems that three county officials will receive around \$7,000 in "extra clerk hire and fees" that the voters had no idea they would ask for when they elected them to office last fall.

Under the law they will receive like amounts next year and right

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Red Letter Days

by A. B. Chapin



until these Acts passed by Representative Bryan and Senator Williams are repealed.

The performance in selecting Mr. Eller's successor as register of deeds caps the climax in a long line of official stupidity; and takes the prize for sheer effrontery to the rank and file of the Republican party in Wilkes county. I do not believe that parallel to this action could be found nearer than Mexico. Just think of an important public office being filled by two members of Commissioners and behind closed doors where they "very graciously" handed it over to another office holder for the past seven years much like the order of procession of "the crown prince." It would have been much more appropriate to have transacted this business in open meeting and after the Republican Executive Committee of the county had been called together for an open discussion of

this important matter. The Republicans in this section of the County are getting disgusted with the high-handed way things are being run by the court house clique and will register their disapproval in next June Primary.

I also took notice to Mr. John Holloway of Traphill, letter of ridicule of Mr. C. W. Wiles, in which he no doubt takes special pride, but this is not answering anything why our taxes were raised. It understand that Mr. Holloway is on the county pay roll at the court house at the present time. My advice to him would be when writing to be original and not cite without quotation one of the worlds greatest orators. Yours very truly, C. H. DAY, Elkin, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

Over 400 Warren county tobacco growers have signed the new

four-year adjustment contract so far.

Randolph Guernsey breeders sold a car of 28 cows, heifers and one bull in Florida last week for \$2,000 net.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. J. W. Walker, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at West Side Station, High Point, North Carolina, on or before the 3rd day of August, 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 3rd day of August, 1935.

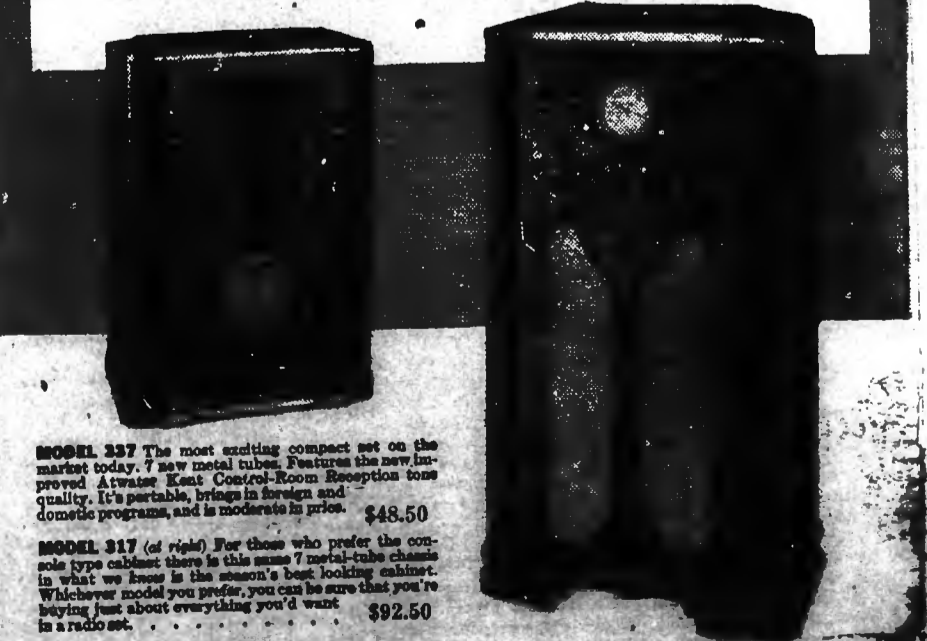
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