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WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, DEC. 26, 1916.

The Community Christmas tree was a glorious success. This is due to the various committees, who had the matter in charge, and the generosity of the citizens as a whole.

Practically everyone of the local merchants enjoyed a greater Christmas trade this year than ever before. This is due principally to the fact that the people are "trading at home" and are gradually forgetting the mail order houses.

And now that the Christmas joys are over, Father will have to get on the job and make his bank account and his bills line up. But why talk about unpleasant things! The first of the year is still a long way off.

MUSIC FOR THE MULES.

Every once in a while some person comes forward with new ideas regarding the workings of this or that project. We do it, and you do it yourself.

The latest proposal is that if a phonograph is placed where a mule can hear it and if a number of selections are played on the instrument, the owner of the animal will have no difficulty in breaking it to harness.

George A. Gage, of Sutter county, California, is authority for the statement.

Gage raises mules and horses. He has a big music box on his farm and he plays band pieces, preferably soothing melodies and waltzes, when he is breaking his mule colts.

"Mules love music," says Gage. "I discovered that ten years ago when I drove Benjamin Harrison—the ornierest old mule you ever saw—to Yuba City, where a brass band was playing.

"The mule had one of his contrary spells that day and I could hardly do a thing with Benjamin until we got to Yuba City. You'd never believe it, if I told you the change that just a few hand selections made in that animal. From that day until Benjamin's death he was the gentlest, loving old mule you would ever want to know.

"That gave me an idea. When I break my mule colts now, I always have the phonograph play. It seems to attract the mule's attention from the harness and wagon.

"Horses don't seem to be affected much, but mules are nearer human than horses, anyway."

Gage also avows that his chickens like phonograph music, but would not go on record as saying that ragtime made the hens lay more eggs.

THE MUNICIPAL MARKET.

Some few days ago, we published an editorial on a new system of marketing which, in our opinion, would do much to help reduce the cost of living.

In Evansville, Ind., there is a system somewhat similar in operation which is meeting with great success. The city itself acts as the middleman. Various food products are purchased in large quantities by the city and these are sold direct to the consumers.

On one day of last week a carload of potatoes, a carload of cabbage and 285 dozen eggs were placed on sale by the city. The eggs were sold at 40 cents a dozen. Dealers of Evansville had been charging 50 and 60 cents. The potatoes were sold for \$1.40 and \$1.65 a bushel while local dealers were trying to sell the same quality for \$2.00 and \$2.25.

Many other articles have been sold in this manner at a great reduction in price. The effect of the municipal market has been to materially reduce the cost of living. At the same time, local dealers were also forced to come down in their prices.

This plan is very similar to the one mentioned in these columns a few days ago. It merely goes to show that cities all over the country are endeavoring to find means for bringing down the cost of living and that those localities which are making no attempts in this direction are needlessly paying out large sums of money that might just as well be saved.

Washington is in the center of a great farming district. It would take little trouble to provide a marketing place where the farmers and the consumers could get together on certain days during the week and where the housewives of the city could purchase their produce at a great saving.

THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

Two boys are fighting. One, who is much larger than the other, appears to be getting the best of the fracas. Another boy is standing off to one side, anxiously watching the struggle. He has just planted a pretty little flower bed and he is afraid that the others, in their wrestling, will fall on the flowers and ruin them. He is using his best efforts in trying to make them quit.

And that is just about as clearly as we can "size up" the present international situation. Compare the big boy to the allies; they are apparently getting the best of the war and are loath to quit. The little boy—the Central Powers—realizing that he is about to be vanquished, is ready to cry quits. The other boy, standing to one side, may be compared to the United States; afraid that her rights will be violated and endeavoring to end the war before she herself is forced to join in.

All three believe that they are in the right. Germany claims that the allies should consider her proposals for peace, otherwise they will prove to the world that they themselves are directly responsible for the war. The allies, feeling confident of victory, are loath to give up the spoils that would be theirs if Germany and her confederates were beaten into submission. The United States desires peace in order that she may "preserve her flowers and plant more."

And that is about the way the situation stands at present. Shall the United States continue to maintain her "hands-off" policy, or shall she insist that the war be ended in justice to herself and to her people? Evidently President Wilson has decided that the latter course is in the best interests of the American people and he has therefore acted with this in view.

How Delightful

IS WASHINGTON PARK!

For the Children's Santa Let's visit there. A. C. Hathaway.

The Town Gossip

Christmas Tree Paid. Previously reported \$15.00 Dr. E. P. Yager 1.00 Total \$16.00

YESTERDAY EVENING. I WENT around TO THE Community. CHRISTMAS TREE, AND SOMEBODY GRABBED ME AND TOLD ME TO GO UP. AND JOIN in the singing. AND I did. AND ALL the singers STOOD on a platform. AND THEY started off. AND I joined in. AND I was outdoors. AND I thought. I'D BETTER sing GOOD AND loud. AND I did. AND BILL Baughman. ANQ HERBERT Bonner. WERE STANDING. RIGHT in front of me. AND WERE singing. BARITONE, OR alto. OR SOMETHING. AND I don't know. WHAT I was singing. AND THEY got uneasy. AND DIRECTLY. THEY MOVED over. TO ONE side. AND LEFT me. STANDING all alone. AND I didn't like it. AND I saw Ike Hughes. AND HERMAN Carrow. AND SOME other fellows. OVER ON one side. OF THE platform. AND I moved over. AND STARTED singing again. AND DIRECTLY. THEY LOOKED around. AND SEEMED nervous. OR SOMETHING. AND THEY whispered. SOMETHING. AND THEN. THEY MOVED over. CLOSER TO the edge. OF THE platform. AND I was left alone again. AND THIS time. I DIDN'T mind it. BUT WENT on singing. AND SANG louder than ever. AND THEN. ONE OF the ladies. CAME OVER to me. AND STARTED talking to me.

AND SHE talked awfully fast. AND I had to stop singing. IN ORDER. TO LISTEN to her. AND SHE kept asking questions. AND I had to answer. AND I wanted to sing. BUT I couldn't. AND EVERYBODY. SEEMED TO be relieved. I THANK you.



LET'S GIVE YOU A POINTER. If you expect to do any hunting this year get a gun that will shoot where it points. Get the ammunition that never fails to explode too. Get them both here and you'll bring home a bag full as you can stuff it. We sell sporting goods that make experts out of amateurs.

D. R. CUTLER Bicycle Shop

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Beaufort County. Superior Court. Oregon Supply Company vs. L. W. Priest. Under and by virtue of an execution issued in the above entitled action, on the 13th day of December, 1916, directing me to sell, to satisfy the judgment rendered therein the land hereinafter described, the undersigned, Sheriff of Beaufort County, North Carolina, will, on the 5th day of February, 1917, at 12 Noon, expose for sale, at public auction, for cash, before the Court House door of Beaufort County, North Carolina, the following described real estate:

In the State of North Carolina, County of Beaufort and in Richland Township; Beginning at a stake in the road in front of J. B. Campen's house; thence S. 13 1/2 E. to an old ditch; thence with the said old ditch S. 87 W. 9 poles to a stake; thence N. 13 1/2 W. to a corner; thence N. 87 E. to the beginning; containing 1 acre, more or less; being the same tract of land conveyed by J. B. Campen and wife to L. W. Priest by deed dated June 3rd, 1913, which is duly recorded in the Register's office of Beaufort County in Book 177, at page 141; and the same land attached in this action.

This December 12th, 1916. W. B. WINDLEY, Sheriff of Beaufort County, North Carolina. 12-14-4w.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a deed of trust from J. D. O'Neal and wife, Laura O'Neal to the undersigned A. D. MacLean, Trustee, dated July 23, 1907, recorded in the Register's office of Beaufort County in Book 149, page 259, the undersigned will, on the 12th day of January, 1917, sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, before the Court House door of Beaufort County, the following described real estate: In the State of North Carolina, County of Beaufort, lying just East of the City of Washington and being a part of Washington Park, and known and described as lot No. 2 in Block 5 on the map of the property known as Washington Park, which said map is duly recorded in the Register's office of Beaufort County; said lot lying on the North side of Isabella Avenue, fronting thereon a width of fifty feet, and extends Northwardly from said Avenue, between parallel lines, parallel to Pine Street, a distance of 140 feet, to an alley.

This December 16th, 1916. A. D. MacLEAN, Trustee. 12-13-4w.

FALL OF A NATION HERE TONIGHT

Thomas Dixon and Victor Herbert's dramatic spectacle with music "The Fall of a Nation" will be shown at the New Theatre next Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25th and 26th. Its peculiar distinction among the great war films is in its imaginative prophecy of America's future against the background of the European struggle and in the full view of all the besetting national problems. The author faces the welter of all the forces working in our national life—liberty, foreign ties, peace propaganda, militarism, suffragism, imperialism—and pictures their combination in a world-shaking cataclysm. The outcome forms a surprising development, in which women assume a leading part in the country's emancipation. The ten reels were filmed in Los Angeles at an expense of nearly 8 million dollars and with all the model equipment of modern scientific warfare.

DRUNKEN MAN SHOTS BOY AT VANCEBORO

VANCEBORO.—Clyde Warren, 16-year-old son of Mr. B. R. Warren, was shot and painfully injured here last night about nine o'clock by Kemp McLawhorne, a young man of this place. McLawhorne, it is said, was under the influence of whiskey and was demonstrating on the street his ability as a marksman with a revolver when he fired a bullet into a crowd of boys, it taking effect in Warren's thigh. An artery was severed and the victim lost considerable blood, but it is said since being given medical attention that the young man's condition is not serious and unless the wound becomes infected, he will recover. McLawhorne left for parts unknown after wounding the young man and has not been apprehended however officers are searching for him as she will be arrested, if located. It is not known on what charge he will be held, as it is not believed that he intentionally shot the lad.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed by R. F. Forrest and H. D. Forrest to the undersigned Trustee on June 25, 1915, the same being of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Beaufort County in Book 187, page 531, the undersigned will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door of Beaufort County on Monday, January 15, 1917, at twelve o'clock noon, those two tracts or parcels of land conveyed by said deed of trust, and being therein described as follows, to-wit: 1. Beginning at a corner opposite an old road known as the Branch road, running with said ditch to the main road to the head of Gum Branch, thence down Gum Branch, thence down Hill Creek to the mouth of Maple Branch, thence up Maple Branch to the main County Road, and up said branch to the corner of T. G. Harding and wife, thence with a line of marked trees to the beginning, containing 100 acres, more or less, saving and excepting the grave yard. 2. Beginning on the main road from Washington to Blounts Creek at Maple Branch; thence with the various courses of Maple Branch to D. F. Shull's line on Hill Creek, thence with Shull's line to Poplar Branch, thence with the run of Poplar Branch to the mill landing road to a stake, thence North 80 East 39 1/2 poles to the public road, and with the road to the beginning, containing 30 acres, more or less. 1916. W. B. RODMAN, JR., Trustee. 12-14-4w.

SOMEHOW OR other. ALMOST EVERYBODY. SEEMED to feel. RATHER TIRED. AND WITHOUT energy. THIS MORNING. WHEN THEY came. DOWN TOWN. AND PERHAPS. THEY HAD. "TOO MUCH Christmas." AND ANYWAY. IT WAS noticeable. THAT THE sale. OF PEPSI-COLA. AT THE drug stores. WAS UNUSUALLY large. AND ALMOST everybody. SEEMED to be. ORDERING IT. AND THOSE people. WHO DRANK H. WEREN'T LONG. IN GETTING it. OF THAT tired feeling. AND WENT about their work. WITH THEIR customary. ENERGY AND life. AND IF those others. WHO FELT out of sorts. THIS MORNING. HAD ONLY followed. THE EXAMPLE. OF THE Pepsi-Cola drinkers. THEY WOULD have had. A MUCH pleasanter day.

That Tired Feeling

AND IT'S hard. TO ALWAYS be feeling good. AND SOMETIMES. LACK OF us. LACK AMBITION. AND ENERGY. AND AT those times. THERE'S NOTHING better. IN THE whole world. THAN A glass. OF PEPSI-COLA. AND IT is. THE GREATEST reliever. OF "THAT tired feeling." THAT THERE is today. AND IT'S good for children. AS WELL as grown-ups. I THANK you.

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