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Business Man in Politics-- Business Man's Interests.

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Conjuring Rod of Lobbyists.

Much has been said during the last few years about taking care of the business man's interests, both at the National Capitol and at capitol cities of various states, when Congress and the Legislatures are in session. I propose to analyze the meaning of the term so far as I can understand it, and have been able to observe. The term has been used as a conjuring rod of lobbyists. The lobbyists have almost invariably been in the employ of trusts, railroad companies, telegraph and telephone companies, insurance companies, and protected manufacturers. These lobbyists usually make common cause and whenever a piece of legislation, however just and in the interest of the whole people, is proposed; these at once and altogether, raise a great shout that the "business interests of the country are menaced" by drastic and unwise legislation. Furnished with ample funds, they set about to defeat such legislation; they get around the reporters and send out alarming reports to the newspapers throughout the state and country. They try to impress upon the ordinary conservative legislator or congressman, who honestly desires to aid the great mass of the people, that he is "wild and woolly" and that his little bill is populistic; they flatter, cajole, and abuse and arrange to have hundreds of letters and telegrams sent to him at the psychological moment, with the expectation of controlling his vote. They are past-masters in the art of controlling legislation, and generally succeed.

Opposes Business Interests.

Now, the purpose of this brief article is to deny that these men, who constitute themselves guardians of the business interests of the country, have any authority whatever to represent the business man. As I said before, they represent only the great trust combinations and monopolies, which are usually trying to get control of the business, or endeavoring to prevent the enactment of laws which will disturb the systematic robbery and injustice in which they are engaged.

Legislator And People In Common.

The average legislator has no desire or purpose to interfere with any legitimate "business interests of his state." He is as keenly alive to the interests of his constituents involving all the enterprises of his state, as the lobbyists who essay to instruct him: and, at the same time, he is not retained by any fee which would prevent his regarding his oath of office to legislate for the whole people. If he is dishonest enough to be influenced by any retainer, it is always in the interest of the very men who maintain the lobby. The interests of the great mass of business men are the interests of the whole people. To every one business man who raises a hue and cry about adverse legislation, there are one thousand such men saying nothing and attending strictly to business at home, who would probably be helped by the legislation proposed.

Same In Legislature.

Let us for a moment take some concrete examples. The railroad lobby the past winter was perhaps loudest in its outcry against proposed legislation. It fought every bill before the legislature, without a single exception.

And yet, there were ten thousand business men in the State of North Carolina petitioning the legislature by letter and telegram to give them relief from unfair freight rates. So earnest were they in this matter that they were willing to defer passenger rate reduction to get the relief desired. Had the Legislature listened to the cry of the railroad lobby, neither passenger rate nor freight rate reduction would have been obtained. Again, where one business man would have been hurt by anti-trust legislation a thousand business men would have been helped, and ten thousand farmers and others upon whom the ordinary business man depends for support would have been helped. Take the buggy manufacturer; if the farmers

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RANDOLPH AT GUILFORD.

E. J. Coltrane Elected to Position at University of Tennessee--Four Members of Graduating Class.

Randolph County was well represented in the commencement exercises of the Guilford College last week. Four members of the graduating class were natives of Randolph and took a prominent part in the exercises.

C. C. Frazier, son of Cyrus Frazier, and David Petty, son of Jno. Petty, of Greensboro, but who formerly lived in Randolph; Miss Lonnie Shamburger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shamburger, of Hills Store, and E. J. Coltrane, of New Market, all graduated with honors.

It has been announced that Mr. Coltrane has been elected to a position as teacher at the University of Tennessee.

The Telephone Monopoly.

The Greensboro people propose to make it warm for the Bell Telephone Company "not only for raising rates," the Greensboro correspondent of the News and Observer says, "but if the reported statements of some prominent men are correct, of unfair discrimination and oppressive rules."

Government ownership is not practicable and the American people do not desire it. It is sure to come, however, with the inevitable crash to follow, if public service corporations of which the Bell Company is one, do not deal fairly with the people and with all alike. —Salisbury Post.

Death Near Spero.

Mrs. Woodburn, mother of Mrs. J. R. Steed, of Asheboro, died at the home of her son, Watson Woodburn, near Spero, Saturday. The burial took place at Charlotte Church Sunday afternoon.

The deceased had been in declining health for several months, old age being the cause.

Besides Mrs Steed and Mr. Woodburn the deceased is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Arrington Bunting, of Greensboro.

Marriage Announcement of Interest.

The people in the city generally will be interested in the following announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stanton Davis
announce the marriage of their daughter
Jennie
to
Mr. Jacob L. Welborn
on Thursday, May 23rd, 1907
Greensboro, N. C.
At home Burlington, N. C. After June 1.

Randleman's New Paper.

We acknowledge receipt of The Central North Carolinian, published at Randleman each week. The paper is edited by W. I. Boone, a veteran in newspaper work and presents a nice appearance. Its columns are bright and newsy and the advertising patronage is good. The Courier extends congratulations to both Randleman and the management of the new enterprise.

North Carolina Building One of The Handsomest.

Raleigh, May 31.—Joseph E. Pogue has returned from the Jamestown Exposition where he spent several days as director general, rushing the work of installing the exhibits from North Carolina. He says the North Carolina building, one of the very hansomest on the exposition grounds is now ready to turn over to the State.

Death at Cole's Mills.

Mr. A. N. McIver died at the home of his daughter. Mrs. J. W. Cole of Cole's mills on the night of the 20th ult, in the 86th year of his age. Mr. Cole was one of Moore county's best citizens and his death is deplored by a large family connection and a host of friends.

A Wet Grave.

Ed. Dockery, a negro, returning from Wadesboro to Mt. Gilead last week, well tanked with whiskey, drove into Pee Dee river, and was drowned. His body and seven gallons of liquor were recovered a few hours later.

BISCOE DRAMATIC CLUB.

East Lynne Presented With Marked Success Thursday Night.

The presentation of "East Lynne" by the Biscoe Dramatic Club at the Academy Chapel Thursday night, was greeted by a well filled house and at the close the audience was delighted. Frequent applause during the performance expressed the appreciation of the excellent work. The play is one often played by professional troops, but seldom is it presented with more success. The stage settings were fine and the parts were executed with ease, each entering heartily into the spirit of the play.

Miss May Shamburger, in the dual role of Lady Isabel and Madam Vine, was excellent, as was Herbet Sink, as Archibald Carlyle. Mr. Frank Page, as Sir Francis Levison, the villain, and Miss Jane Coggin as Miss Carlyle. Those were the principle characters and they were strongly supported with equal ease by the remainder of the cast, which was published last week.

The audience was delighted, and so well the death-bed scenes played that there were few tearless eyes in the house.

GRADED SCHOOL FOR BISCOE.

The First Session Will Be Opened Next September.

At a recent election in Biscoe the question of graded schools was carried by a majority of thirty. Arrangements are being made to establish the graded school beginning with the September term. Mr. Hays Taylor, of Durham, has been elected principal and Miss Elizabeth Liles, of Jonesboro, assistant. Miss Liles has just closed a most successful school term here, and is a young lady of rare accomplishments.

The machinery for Francis Cotton Mill at Biscoe has nearly all been placed, and the mill will probably be in condition to begin operation within a few weeks.

Many new dwelling houses are being erected in Biscoe, and the demand for such houses exceeds the supply.

STANDING OF CANDIDATES.

The names of ladies who have received votes since the contest began appear below:

NUMBER 1.

Miss Lena Kearns	6095
" Corinna Auman	9570
" May Dickens	82480
" Bettie Shamburger	7195
" Fannie Strickland	4300
" Lula Andrews	56600
" May Ridge	86849
" Chloe Lassiter	9845
" Henrietta Dickens	2540
" Ada Newby	18210
" Rosa Yow	1800
" Nora Kaney	945
Mrs. W. L. Keller	500
" H. L. Kearns	7600

NUMBER 2.

Mrs. L. F. Fentress	71180
Miss Flora Parks	500
" Lovey Swaim	500
" Sallie Settlemeyer	500
" Clara Wall	2235
" Ethel Barker	5070
" Laura Stimson	2470
" Blanche Covington	500
" Annie Black	10985
" Ora Scott	2100
" Sallie Thomas	500
" Florence Luther	1000
" Sallie Foust	500
" Lena Smith	500
" Lizzie Smith	500
" Daisy Osborn	1500
" Swanna Lowdermilk	1705
" Tina Hatch	500
" Martina Robbins	5460
" Bess Farmer	9030
" Cozy Fox	900
" Pearl Chamness	900
" Aileen White	900
" Winnie Causey	9400

NUMBER 3.

Miss Lola Bruton	500
" Callie Nance	500
" Bertha Lewis	3415
" Claudia Dickens	500
" Ron Wade	500
" Ethel Biggs	510
" Minnie Hall	570
" Jennie Bruton	4500
" Mary Sanford	15600

NUMBER 4.

" Maud Lanier	500
" Florence Rush	500
Mrs. Geo. H. Yow	700

MINISTERS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

J. H. Snow	676
N. S. Richardson	2025
W. R. Swain	4640
R. F. Hargett	565
J. W. Ingle	3615
C. A. Wood	580
J. W. Frank	500
C. M. Campbell	955

NUMBER 2.

K. C. Horner	595
S. T. Moyle	525
W. R. Evans	500
D. N. Caveness	560
J. J. Eads	945

NUMBER 3.

Parker Holmes	500
M. D. Hicks	500
J. H. Moson	500
Henry Sheets	510
J. D. Newton	500
Jefferson Lanning	500

J. S. Smith, living at the Syd Alford place in Grant township, has a black cat which has 4 kittens, one of which has a head, ears and tail like a rabbit but feet and claws like a kitten. Wesley Brower, a respectable colored man living in Asheboro, says he saw this on April 29 of this year.

AN AGED LADY DEAD.

Mrs. Nancy Burrow Died at Home of Her Daughter Monday Morning.

Mrs. Nancy Burrow, wife of late Jno. Burrow, died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Wright, two miles south of Asheboro. She was 70 years old. She had been a patient sufferer with dropsy for some time. She is survived by two sons and three daughters: Messrs Milton H. Burrow and Walter Burrow, of Troy; Mrs. J. H Wright, of Asheboro; Mrs. Chas. Miller, of Central Falls, and Mrs. Fletcher King, of Troy.

The funeral occurred Tuesday, and the body interred at Brower's Chapel. The deceased was a daughter of Joseph Redding who died many years ago at his home three miles west of Asheboro. He was at one time a member of the legislature from this county.

TRUST RIDDEN.

Greensboro Joins Winston-Salem Statesville, et. als., in Rebellion Against Bell Telephone Co.

Greensboro, N. C., May 30.—There are signs of another symposium of divergence of views here in regard to public utility corporations, monopolies, really. The Bell Telephone people are being fired at, not only for raising rates, but if the reported statements of some prominent men are correct, of unfair discrimination and oppressive rules. One of these kicks comes from a prominent firm of manufacturers, where 'phone has been removed and service denied because they refused to pay for service a month in advance. They say because the Bell has a monoply is no sufficient reason for it to compel what no other form of industry does, payment in advance for service to be done.

FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Estimated That A Hundred Thousand Infants Have Perished.

Twenty million peasants are starving to death in five provinces of Russia. Hundreds of thousands have succumbed to lack of food and shelter in the winter just passed.

An appalling number of babies estimated at anywhere from 100,000 to twice as many, have perished, beating with claw-like hand against the breasts of mothers who were unable to give them sustenance.

As to Premium Publications.

A great many old subscribers have recently paid up and paid a full year in advance. There are also many new subscribers who have paid a full year in advance. We have directed those who are collecting for The Courier to offer certain premiums to all those who have paid a full year in advance. These premiums are annual subscriptions to certain newspapers and magazines and are never given except when requested. So if you do not get the premiums and are entitled to them you should after, a reasonable time, write us requesting that the premium publications be sent. Do not wait until the year is out and then complain.

Will Move to Asheboro.

T. D. Harris, of Liberty, returned home Monday after spending several days in Asheboro on business. Mr. Harris has recently disposed of his interests at Liberty and announces his intention to move back to Asheboro. Mr. Harris is a good citizen and the announcement is heard with pleasure by our people.

Mrs. Blair's Trial This Week.

A Columbia, S. C., dispatch says: Mrs. Ethel W. Blair, the handsome Greensboro woman who killed her husband, conductor Blair, at Columbia several weeks ago, will face the jury of Richland criminal court this week. Mrs. Blair has been out on bail since the preliminary hearing.

Grimes-Olive.

Miss Exie Olive and Mr. Roscoe Grimes, both of Thomisville, were married at the Baptist parsonage there last week. The marriage was a surprise to their many friends.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Olive, who formerly lived at Randleman.

G. Sam Bradshaw and W. J. Sherrod, of Greensboro, have formed a partnership for the practice of law.

Construction and Cost Of Good Public Roads.

JOHN W. HAYS, Civil Engineer.

Not only is a badly located road less efficient for teaming but it is more expensive in maintenance. Steep grades wash and material put upon such roads finds its way quickly in toditches. The ditches wash into gulches. And soon money and labor are both lost, leaving regret and disappointment. Several years ago I rode over an improved road in one of the middle counties. Loam was being spread upon clay roads that had been hub deep in winter mud since the oldest could remember.

The surface work being done was beautiful, the very best of its kind so far as treatment of material was involved. It seemed like a dream to glide smoothly over the old time sloughs and clay hummocks. Recently I drove over this road and there was scarcely an evidence upon these clay hills of the beautiful work I had seen. The labor had been put upon old roads having ten and twelve per cent grade. The good material now lay in the bottom of the creeks gone with the spring rains. Had this road been relocated around these hillsides reducing grade to three or four per cent the excellent material used would be doing service today.

Change Location if Necessary.

Location should follow the old roads only so far as old roads may be the best location. Radical change is not to be sought for the novelty of change but only when shifting down the hillside and up that wet hollow will effect decided improvement. Remember that these locations are being made for many years of service, perhaps centuries, and should be made regardless of whose low ground or pasture lot they enter. Probaly no man will be more directly benefitted than that honest fellow who grows red in the face and talks of shot guns when the road stakes are set in his fields. He had pulled his mules, his father's and his grand father's out of that old hill and yet thinks he will be ruined by a broad level road through his pasture lot. Never fear, he will come around all right when he sees the finished road, clean and firm, approaching in long straight lines and sweeping in regular curves about his home—provided always that you will have done a good job.

A Good Location.

Good location seeks the sunny side of hills where possible, and if through woods and swamps the trees and shrubbery should be cleared away that winds and sun may do their work. Through middle Carolina the grade need rarely exceed three or four per cent. Over such grade a horse will draw a buggy in a trot without fatigue. The road leading west from Durham towards Hillsboro and seen from the railway is only 2 per cent except where the engineers location was subsequently changed by the road-builders. Two crossings of the railway were made by them here, over and back, in order to follow the old location past the farm house of one of the road officials. The Engineer's location would have avoided both railway crossings and at less expense for construction. On this 2 per cent road a team can draw more than three times the load which it can draw on a ten per cent road. Or to put it in another way—a farmer can take to town over this road in one trip what on a ten per cent grade would require three trips. I heard one man say, "Before this road was built I loaded what my mules could pull, an now I load what my wagon can stand under." It is safe to say that nowhere east of the mountains will a grade exceeding 5 per cent be necessary, while 3 per cent can generally be found.

Care Must be Exercised.

Location should be made in workmanlike manner. A house with walls cut of a square and standing out of plumb may be as serviceable as if it were square and plumb but few would accept such a house from builders. It is unworkmanlike. It does not suggest skill and efficiency. It is poor work, even if it does keep out wind and rain. Likewise a road which does not show evidence of good workmanship is not satisfying.

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FISH STORY.

Whitney Dam Credited With Stocking The Uwharrie With Fine Specimens of The Finny Tribe.

A letter from N. R. Thornburg, of Hill's Store, tells of a handsome catch by fishermen near the mouth of "Silver Run" creek.

He writes that when the river had ceased to rise from the recent heavy rain, Jake Briles, a lucky angler, lowered a gate made of chicken wire across the mouth of the creek which empties into the Uwharrie river about three miles above Lassiter's Mill. Sunday evening when the waters subsided large fish were seen to bend the wire in their efforts to reach the river bed. Monday morning Briles aided by the Garner boys, brought to shore six carp. The smallest one weighed 27½ pounds and measured 34 inches.

STRONG A CONVICT.

Moving Picture Man Serving Sentence on Guilford County Roads.

John F. Strong, convicted of embezzlement in Guilford county at the last term of court, has begun his sentence of 18 months at hard labor. The Record says petition is being circulated for his pardon.

Strong spent several days in Asheboro last fall with a moving picture machine, giving performances at the academy and at other towns in this and adjoining counties. The Courier did a large amount of printing for him which is still open on this ledger.

The Wrong Man.

G. M. Patterson, a clever and respected young man of Mooresville, was arrested last week on the charge of murder, which was committed at Chester, S. C., March 28 1898. He has been at Mooresville three years and formerly lived at Greensboro. He was cloth inspector at a cotton mill at Mooresville.

The case of the arrest of G. M. Patterson at Mooresville upon a warrant from South Carolina charging him with murder has been closed because of the failure of the authorities to establish his identity. The murder was committed at Chester by one Upchurch whom Patterson is said to resemble. He is not the man.

Patrick Henry Day.

The Anniversary of the passage by the Virginia House of Burgesses on May 30, 1765, of Patrick Henry's famous resolution against the British stamp act, was celebrated as Patrick Henry Day at the Jamestown Exposition Friday with William Jennings Bryan as the central figure in a speech delivered in the convention hall on the exposition grounds before 2,000 people on the subject "Taxation Without Representation Is Tyranny."

Ross-McKay.

Friends in Asheboro have received the following cards:

Mrs. Neill McKay
requests the honor of
presence at the marriage of her daughter
Frances Reid
to
Mr. Charles Ross
on the afternoon of Wednesday June twelfth
at six o'clock
at the Summerville Presbyterian Church
Summerville, North Carolina.

Mr. Arthur Leach Completes Law Course.

Capt. R. Leach, conductor on the A. & A. vestibule, is off on a vacation. Capt. Leach left Monday morning for Chattanooga to attend the commencement at Grant University, where his brother, Arthur Leach, completes a course of study in law. Vice President Fairbanks spoke to the graduating class there Tuesday night.

Attempted to Kill Himself.

The Lexington Dispatch says T. C. Loflin, a merchant of that place attempted suicide last Wednesday by taking laudanum and cutting his throat. Business troubles was the cause.

Hon. J. R. Blair, of Troy, was in Asheboro yesterday.