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The railroad tie is an important factor in the development of the country. The ingenuity of man has not devised a substitute for the old fashioned wooden cross tie, although experts say the day will come when forests will no longer supply the demand for ties. Up to the present no other material has been found which has the resiliency of wood and which at the same time causes less wear and tear on the rails and road-bed. It is said that from 110 to 130 millions of sawed and hewn ties have been used each year for several years.

The best tie timber is white oak. The supply of oak has been greatly reduced owing to the fact that it is used for various other purposes. Some of the railroads have been forced to pay almost prohibitive prices for ties or to substitute cheaper woods to replace the oak ties which are rapidly disappearing. More than 40 per cent of the ties recently purchased by the railroads of the country are of oak. There is also cedar, chestnut, cypress and some other trees which come into market as tie timber. Cedar is used and is very durable, but it is so soft that the rails cut it easily. Beech is used in some sections.

The New York World gives many reasons why the Democratic party is in better shape than ever, one of which is:

The Democratic party polled 5,393,182 votes last fall, an increase of 1,315,211 over 1904, as against a Republican increase of 14,190.

President Taft has appointed two Democrats in his Cabinet, Franklin McVeigh, of Illinois, and Jacob M. Dickinson, of Tennessee. They are Democrats who vote the Republican ticket sometimes in national politics, but do not stand for Republican policies.

NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Durant, a prominent citizen of Charleston, S. C., will be appointed collector of that port to succeed Dr. Crum, negro.

The trial of J. C. Lumaden, formerly of Raleigh, charged with murder, began in New York Monday. Ex-Gov. Chas. B. Aycock is attending for the defense.

A cartridge swept into the fire by Mrs. Eugene Hatchford, at Gastonia Sunday exploded, the bullet entering her breast. Her condition is critical.

A. Morne, aged 82 years, died at his home at East Bend, Yadkin county Saturday. Mr. Morne was a prominent citizen of East Bend and proprietor of the "Drummer's Home," a hotel at this place.

A. B. Siler, of Siler City, caught his hand in a machine at the High Point Bending & Chair Co's plant at Siler City last week tearing it off at the wrist.

Mrs. L. P. Coulter, of Sanford, was found dead at her home one day last week. Her body was badly charred as though her clothing had caught fire, burning her to death. She was alone and the particulars of the accident will never be known.

Jewelry Found.

The jewelry stolen a few days ago from the express office at Southern Pines, was found at Greensboro last week. It was on the person of a small colored boy, who found it on the streets. The officers gave chase to a negro answering to the description of the person charged with the robbery, and it is believed the fugitive lost the package.

Newbern Merchant Assigns.

James F. Taylor, one of the oldest business men of the city of Newbern, made an assignment last week, naming R. A. Nunn as trustee.

BOYS' CORN GROWING CONTEST

\$100 as premium for the Three Boys Who Make the Most Bushels on an Acre of Land.

I wish to call the attention of all boys in the county to the letter published below. It has reference to a Boys Growing Contest, which every boy who is between 12 and 17 years of age, and who lives on the farm can enter. This plan is highly approved by Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent, and other leading citizens of this State. You will please read the letter very carefully. In addition to the \$100 given by the State we hope to secure donations from public-spirited citizens of our own County, thereby procure a fund for premiums to be awarded to boys of Randolph County regardless of whether they secured the state prizes or not.

The Letter.

Dear Sir—At the December meeting of the State Board of Agriculture I secured an appropriation of \$100.00 to be given as premiums in a Boys Corn Growing Contest.

Corn Clubs for boys have been formed in several States and are interesting them in agriculture in a very marked degree. In this State I have deemed it advisable to take up the work in co-operation with the County Superintendents of Public Instruction. In this way I hope to reach the boys of the State. As agriculture is to be taught in the public schools, anything practical along this line that is calculated to awaken an interest in our boys will be of interest to you, and to the teachers in your county.

The \$100.00 is a mere bagatelle when compared with the results we are hoping to obtain from this work. It is merely a starting point to the work. The \$100.00 is to be divided into three premiums for the three boys in the State who make the most bushels of corn on an acre of land. So you see there can be only three boys in the State who can procure these premiums. But we are wanting the Superintendent of Public Instruction in each county to solicit donations from bankers, merchants, manufacturers, professional men, and all public spirited people, and procure a fund for premiums to be awarded to boys of that county regardless of whether they secure our prizes or not. One county in Mississippi last year raised for premiums for boys of that county nearly \$500.00, in cash, merchandise, etc., which was divided into a dozen or more premiums covering both corn and cotton crops. The amount you raise in your county can be applied to corn and other crops if you and the contributors think best. Full details as to this can be worked out later.

Each contestant will be required to sign a form which will be sent to you when we ascertain how many boys in your county will enter the contest.

Two years ago there were in some States as many as 10,000 boys contesting for premiums. Think of what it means to a State when that number of boys become interested in agriculture and in better methods of farming.

Regulations governing the contest will be about as follows: The contestant must be between 12 and 17 years of age and live on the farm. He must cultivate one acre in corn, doing all the work himself, except he may have help in gathering the crop. That acre must be land that has never produced more than 35 bushels of shelled corn, and would not make more than that quantity at this time. There must not be more than \$10.00 worth of commercial fertilizers used on the acre, cotton seed and cotton seed meal to be considered as commercial fertilizers. All the stable, lot other home-gathered manure may be used that is available. The acre can be in any part of the field. The crop must be gathered and measured or weighed in the presence of such witnesses as you select.

We are hoping to continue this work; therefore, the contestants can use the same acre of land for contesting for the premium next year, and afterward if he continues to contest for the premiums. I make this statement as an inducement for them to improve that acre by growing peas, clover, etc., on it, or improving it in any way they may prefer. I should also be glad if the parents would give the boys the crops they grow on the acre in these contests. That would be a stimulus to the boys in better farming. I am sure you will appreciate the good results that will come from this movement, and hope you will take hold of the work with a determination to have as many boys in your county interested as there will be in any other county.

By taking this up with your County Board of Education and your Township Committeemen you can give the work an immediate impetus that will be very helpful to you.

It might be well for you to ask your Board of County Commission-

ers for an appropriation for the work in your county.

This department will be glad to furnish information as to methods of cultivation, fertilizers, etc., or help the boys in any way we can.

Permit me also to suggest you attend the Farmers' Institutes that will be held in your county and get as many of the boys to attend as you can and have them ask the Institute speakers questions when discussing topics in which they are interested. This will be good for the boys and will likewise encourage the Institute worker.

I shall be pleased to hear from you promptly as to the prospects of getting a number of boys interested in this work in your county.

We desire to help the boys.

I am, Yours very truly,
T. B. PARKER, Demonstrator.

When you read this letter carefully let me hear from you. I want at least 100 boys in this County to let me have their names by March 20th. There is no reason why a boy in Randolph should not get a part of the \$100. Randolph is a garden spot. Our soil is as good as the best in the State. Then let our progressive boys enter this contest. More complete particulars will be given next week. Do not wait, however, but take the suggestions of Mr. Parker's letter and proceed at once.
E. J. COLTRANE,
Co. Supt. of Schools.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S CABINET.

Names of Those Who Will Serve With the New President.

Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania to be secretary of State.

Franklin McVeigh of Illinois to be secretary of treasury.

Jacob M. Dickinson of Tennessee to be secretary of war.

George W. Wickersham of New York to be attorney general.

Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts to be postmaster general.

George Von L. Meyer of Massachusetts to be secretary of the navy.

Richard A. Ballinger of Washington to be secretary of the interior.

James Wilson of Iowa to be secretary of agriculture.

Charles Nagel of Missouri to be secretary of commerce and labor.

Huntington Wilson of Illinois to be assistant secretary of state.

Beckman Winthrop of New York to be assistant secretary of the navy.

William Loeb, Jr., of New York to be collector of customs for the district of New York, N. Y.

Lewis Dalby of Virginia to be an Indian inspector.

Mr. Bulla Resigns.

Mr. A. N. Bulla, who was serving his third term as a member of the board of county commissioners and during his second term served as Chairman of the board, has resigned.

Mr. Bulla is a gentleman of the highest personal and financial character and integrity, a Democrat of Democrats and a conscientious, faithful public servant. Through his untiring efforts and those of his associates many thousand dollars have been saved to the county and expended for improvements. No county in North Carolina has expended so much money for public improvements as has Randolph in the last few years. This could not have been done if the strictest economy and wisest judgment had not been used in the management of the affairs of the county.

Southbound Assured

The Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad is soon to be built from Winston to Wadesboro, going by Lexington. The full right of way has been secured and the money to construct the road is ready. Work is expected to begin soon.

Prospects Good.

Growers of peaches and dewberries in Moore county are looking for large crops this year and are already making preparations for shipping the products.

Royal Baking Powder Absolutely Pure. Renders the food more wholesome and superior in lightness and flavor. The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar.

LAST WEEK'S STORM.

Wind and Rain Last Wednesday Played Havoc Through Eastern North Carolina.

A heavy wind and rain storm passed over the eastern and central parts of North Carolina last Wednesday. Several towns suffered serious damage. Houses were blown down, forests damaged and railroads, telephone and telegraph lines blocked. It is reported that six loaded cars of a freight train were blown from the track at Dudley a station on the Atlantic Coast Line near Wilmington.

At Goldsboro the storm burst suddenly and swept parts of the town as a hurricane. The electric plants were out of commission, lumber plants, factories and other buildings were unroofed, and in the country a few miles from Goldsboro a negro was killed in the wreck of a barn.

The Buckhorn power plant which supplies electric power for several cotton mills at Fayetteville was forced to suspend, and the factories shut down.

At Clinton there was great damage to property. At Jackson's saw mill near Clinton a tree was blown upon the building crushing it and killing a negro Ben Statton.

At Wilson the storm was violent. A store was unroofed and the telephone system was greatly damaged.

The Recent Storm.

One thousand telegraph and telephone poles and one hundred miles of wire were blown down by the recent storm in and around Baltimore. Baltimore was cut off for days from the outside world by telegraph and telephone connection. The damage to the telegraph and telephone companies is said to be \$250,000. The damage covers an area of 45 miles in all directions.

For Murder of Carmack.

The Cooper-Sharp murder trial at Nashville, Tenn., having been on for eight weeks is nearing the close. The attorneys began their arguments Monday. The Court room has been packed during the entire time and the greatest interest has been manifested.

Burned at Stake.

Anderson Ellis, a colored man, who was identified as the assassin of Mrs. Arthur McKinney, at Rockwall, Texas, was Monday taken from the jail by a mob at the place and burned alive in the presence of 1000 people.

A Hurry Up Call.

Quick! Mr. Druggist—Quick!—A box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve—Here's a quarter—For the love of Moses, hurry! Baby's burned himself, terribly—Johnny cut his foot with the axe—Mamma's scalded—Pa can't walk from piles—Billie has boils—My corns ache. She got it and soon cured all the family. It's the greatest healer on earth. Sold by Standard Drug Co.

Exposition Semi-Annually.

The furniture exposition beginning next Monday at High Point will be well attended by furniture dealers throughout the South. The exposition will be made a semi-annual affair, taking place in June and January of each year.

Nothing in the way of a cough is quite so annoying as a tickling, hoarse, wheezing bronchial cough. The quickest relief comes perhaps from a prescription known as Druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. And besides, it is so thoroughly harmless that mothers give it with perfect safety even to the youngest babies. The tender leaves of a simple mountain shrub, give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its remarkable curative effect. A few days' treatment will tell. Sold by Asheboro Drug Co.

The farmer, who spends his life in the air and sunshine, should seldom be sick; yet he has made many patent-medicine men multi-millionaires.

Fortify now against the Grip—for it comes every season sure! Preventives—the little Candy Cough Tablets—offer in this respect a most certain and dependable safeguard. Prevention, at the "anemic stage" will, as well, also purely head off all common colds! But promptness is all important. Keep Preventives in the pocket or purse, for instant use. Box of 18 for 25c. Sold by Asheboro Drug Co.

A GREAT ENTERPRISE COMES TO ASHEBORO

J. T. Underwood Makes an Important Connection With the Largest Co-Operative Corporation in America, Backed by Men Doing An Annual Business Amounting to \$75,000,000.

PEOPLE OF ASHEBORO BENEFITED.

J. T. Underwood of this city, has with characteristic enterprise, demonstrated his ability to keep well abreast of the times by connecting himself with the largest druggists co-operation in America. The men connected with this enterprise do a yearly business aggregating over \$75,000,000, which well emphasizes its soundness and magnitude.

Nearly two thousand retail druggists throughout the United States have organized themselves as a co-operative company for the purpose of producing a line of medicinal preparations which they recommend, absolutely guarantee and back up with their own names and personal reputations. The formulae of these remedies are thoroughly known to every one of these druggists and the ingredients of each will be truthfully described to the public and the remedies sold with the distinct understanding that their purchase price will be instantly refunded without question or quibble if they fail to benefit the user.

Over ten thousand different formulae were turned over to the company. Each formula being selected because of its test and proved value and established reputation, gained through continued and successful use by prominent physicians.

A research committee of expert chemists and physicians made a most thorough and exhaustive test of each one of these two thousand prescriptions until they had selected about three hundred as being the very best and most dependable known to medical science, each for the treatment and cure of a particular ailment.

These three hundred remedies are now manufactured by the company, which is known as the United Drug Co., Boston, Mass., in one of the largest, most modern and best equipped pharmaceutical laboratories in the United States.

The tremendous output of this company enables it to purchase drugs, herbs and other necessary material in very large quantities. The cooperation and professional assistance of 2000 leading druggists guarantees that only formulae of extraordinary merit are used in the manufacturing of their products.

The preparations of the company are shipped direct to the retail druggists who are connected with the enterprise. Thus their absolute freshness is assured, it is impossible for their quality to deteriorate, there are no middlemen or jobbers' profits to be added to their cost, and the public can

obtain these products at actual cost of manufacture, plus a single retail profit.

One noticeable feature of this business, and a very common mistake, is that no one remedy manufactured by this company is a "cure-all." Each one of the 300 different remedies is a known and dependable specific for a particular ailment. The confidence of the druggists interested in this enterprise is unquestionably demonstrated by this guarantee which is printed on every package. "This preparation is guaranteed to give satisfaction. If it does not come back and get your money—it belongs to you and we want you to have it."

This is certainly an innovation that must appeal to the people of Asheboro. It insures safety and satisfaction because our own local druggist, J. T. Underwood, who is so well known and highly respected for his integrity, is connected with this enterprise and is staking his own personal reputation on the quality of these remedies, and the very frankness with which he asks the people of Asheboro into his confidence insures an unprecedented success for these remedies which are sold under the trade-name Royal Remedies.

Those who have previously refused to buy proprietary medicines because there was no way of ascertaining their ingredients, can now purchase Royal Remedies, the formulae of which they can have for the asking. Besides they are sold by a person personally known to you and located right here in our own city, who guarantees that they are in every way represented or they will cost you nothing.

Royal Dyspepsia Tablets are the first of the three hundred remedies which are being introduced. Anyone in Asheboro who suffers from stomach derangements, indigestion or dyspepsia should not hesitate to try Royal remedy when they are so highly recommended and backed with such a strong guarantee.

Mr. J. T. Underwood is so favorably known for his sterling honesty and square dealing that we predict a great success for him with the Royal Remedies, and he is to be heartily congratulated in bringing this great and modern business enterprise to Asheboro.

We urge all who may be in need of prepared medicines to call on Mr. J. T. Underwood and learn about the Royal Remedies. Enterprise of this sort should be encouraged.

PROSPEROUS TIMES ARE FAST RETURNING! This was proven by our recent CLEARANCE SALE which was one of the most satisfactory sales we have ever conducted. We marked down our prices to reduce our stock with telling effect and in a few days we will have a buyer on the Northern Market to select our new Spring Stock, which will be one of the prettiest and most popular ever shown in this section. Our patrons demand a select line and we are taking care to meet these conditions. Our new goods will furnish new impetus to trade, delight our old customers and add many new ones among the hundreds who have moved into Asheboro and Randolph County during the past few months. Our full showing in Spring Goods will make selections easy. For the most fashionable, up-to-date and stylish materials for street and evening dress wait for our full Spring Display. In the meantime we have a few bargains left on our counters in Shoes, Staple Dry Goods, and Novelties which you should see. Also a new line of Toichon Laces and Embroidery just received. Morris - Scarboro - Moffitt Company

Your Needs in Stock can be filled at my stable during the next two weeks. Have just received a nice drove of horses and mules for farming and family use as well as for heavy hauling. Five combine drivers and saddlers. You should come early and get choice of the lot. R. R. ROSS, Asheboro.