

EDITORIAL

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRIES.

Some time ago Secretary Kuykendall, of the Winston-Salem Board of Trade, said in an address at Thomasville:

"And above all patronize home industries yourself, buy Thomasville flour, that is, provided the miller buys Davidson county wheat. It is like the story of the farmer who went into a store and asked the price of an axe. 'A dollar and fifteen cents,' the merchant told him. 'I can get it from Sears & Roebuck for 98 cents,' said the farmer. 'All right,' answered the merchant, 'I will sell you that axe on precisely the same terms that Sears & Roebuck will. Do you agree?' 'Agreed,' said the farmer. 'Very well,' said the merchant, 'put down 98 cents for the axe.' The farmer did so. 'Now 2 cents for the stamp,' said the merchant, '3 cents for the money order and 25 cents for the express.' The chagrined farmer did so. 'Now,' said the merchant, 'laying the axe on the shelf, 'come back in ten days and get your axe.'"

Yes, patronize home industries whether they patronize you or not. This is hard to do, though it is done by many right here in Asheville. There are a few soft shell crabs who can barely tell Sunday from Monday unless there is a dollar in it for them, and who imagine they can get things away from home cheaper than at home, and yet they want to sell their wares at higher prices to you than others charge, and they turn red in the face when you tell them about it and go off and talk about you behind your back. There are not many such here, only a few. This is not the only town. They are found elsewhere as well as here, but wherever they are a pestiferous, snarly set who live to squeeze the eagle to make it hollow, and their lives are constantly miserable when they are not grafting or gouging some one.

The back home movement is an organized effort at getting more people to make their homes in North Carolina. Much can be accomplished by this united effort. Reports from a very reliable source indicate that there is a feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction among a great many people who have been led into the Northwest by exaggerated reports of the possibilities there sent out by land sharks and boomers, and who are preparing to move. The North Carolina Back Home Association will get in line to bring to North Carolina a portion of these dissatisfied people.

While Beattie's lawyers were as good as the best, yet his case was so bad his attorneys could not make up their mind to put him on the stand until the eleventh hour. He was the last witness. He should have been the first if his story were true. Holding him until the last was enough to cast doubt on his statement. Would not an innocent man have insisted upon telling his story at the earliest possible moment? Would not the attorneys of an innocent man get his version of the jury as early as possible?

Northern Georgia has been transformed by schools and peaches into a veritable garden of Eden. The red hills covered with broom hags and bassaris bushes a few years ago are now the most valuable lands in Georgia. Thrifty business men and farmers have planted peaches everywhere. Georgia peaches have made the State the Empire State of the South. Yet right here in Randolph county is the finest fruit growing lands in the United States, and they can be had cheap.

The King road drag is a simple construction and the expense of making one is a trifle, and it will do the work of fifteen or twenty men a day and far better than they can do it. The Courier has published time and again how to make a King road drag. If anyone has forgotten how it is made we urge them to write the Government Good Roads Department, Washington, D. C., and get for the Bulletin issued by the government setting how to make use of these useful drags.

Talk don't build good roads anywhere. It takes work, good work.

Don't forget to do missionary work for good roads wherever you go.

The Fair and Home Coming Week will be a great credit to the county and to the State.

The agitation for good roads should be kept up by all public spirited people until the good end is accomplished.

No better investment can be made than putting money in good roads, and nowhere are they needed worse than in this section of the State.

There is a new spirit of progress everywhere in this section. You can see it everywhere, feel it in the air.

Let the business men unite with the farmers and get busy for the good roads proposition. There will be turmoil and confusion at first, but rejoicing will come later.

A gentleman once said to the editor, "If you have a chronic grumbler or knocker in town, the best thing to do is to get up a purse to pay his way out of town as quick as you can."

The purpose of the agricultural fair this fall is to promote agricultural progress. It is a part of a system of a campaign of education to help the farming and agricultural interests.

There is a disposition to overdo some one thing in many sections. If any particular thing is started and is made a success, then every fellow wants to start in the same business.

And still the wonder grows; how on earth is it we never until now found out the wonderful resources of North Carolina and why is it these resources have not long ago attracted attention?

If you have not tried the split log drag for dirt roads you should do so. Some splendid roads are being made in many counties. After grading the roads they should be dragged after every rain.

The good roads sentiment is now at high tide, and it behooves all who are interested in road improvement to lend a helping hand. Good roads everywhere regulate the cost of production and marketing, and directly influence general development.

The Randolph Fair and Home Coming week, beginning October 31st and ending November 4th, will be crowded with interesting features, and the exhibits will be worthy of the attention of the great crowds which are expected to be present.

The Randolph county fair for this fall should and will be made an exposition of the resources of Randolph county and of this section of the State. If this is done it will not fail of patronage or fall short of its laudable purpose.

The Back Home movement is not only intended to induce those who have wandered far to return home, but to invite others to locate here and aid in developing our resources. It has been truly said that the success of this movement means the success of the State.

One of the promising possibilities of this section is that of horticulture. Let those who have apples save their best peck or half bushel and give it to the State.

The most important question before the farmers of Randolph county is roads. It is the biggest question before the business men of Randolph today. It is more important than the tariff. It is more important than the business men of Randolph today.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farlow and two little sons of Sophia are visiting at Broadway for a few days. Fred Mathews, the young son of a farmer living in Shiloh township, Iredell county, was returning from the family mail box one day last week, when he was confronted by a negro who leveled a pistol at him and demanded money. The boy denied having any money but the negro searched him and tore his clothing right badly. The highwayman escaped.

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The Monroe Enquirer writing of the importance of teaching agriculture in the public schools calls attention to the importance the ancient Hebrews placed on child training, from which we clip the following: "The old Jew was a master in the art of training the youth. The world has never seen the superior of the ancient Hebrew in child training, and the Jew in the olden time saw to it that his boy was taught some useful trade. That Jew of the straightened sect, Paul, was a great lawyer, a wonderful scholar, an orator of such power that he astonished the world—but he was taught a trade and when he was thrown on his own resources he used his hands in the trade he had been taught when he was a boy—tent making."

This from the Charlotte Chronicle with reference to the senatorial race: "Ex-Governor Aycock will occupy a unique position. No shafts will be shot his way. We do not believe there is a single paper in the State that will find the remotest occasion to assail his record or his personal."

The Statesville Landmark adds: "Wait, beloved, until the campaign gets warm. The ex-Governor is a mighty fine man and a mighty popular man, and it is The Landmark's wish that the campaign may be fought to a conclusion without any candidate being unduly assailed. This is too much to hope for, however, and Gov. Aycock may expect his along with the rest."

Yes, beloved, you do not have to wait until the campaign gets warm. They are at it now. The vile tongue of slander is at work and the worst part of it is that some ministers of the gospel are being used as the instruments for the dissemination of false charges, it may be unwillingly, but it is nevertheless so.

What Asheville most needs is a united effort to get factories established that will not compete with the ones we already have. By this business enterprises already established will not be injured.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

The Tariff Board—Government by Stealth—Other Matters

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Washington, Sept. 20. On his swing around the circle President Taft will tell the people it was necessary for him to prevent a reduction of the cost of living, by vetoing the tariff bill, because the tariff board hadn't reported.

Here is some tariff board history that the President will probably not refer to: The tariff board was created Sept. 26, 1909. In June, 1911, 21 months later, Congress called for whatever data the board had collected on the cost of manufacturing wool, and was informed the board had nothing to report. What was the tariff board doing during these 21 months?

Soon after the appointment of the board, its chairman, Henry C. Emery, established headquarters in the private residence of Frederick Hale, son of ex-Senator Eugene Hale of Maine, who has been known for years as one of the most powerful defenders of ultra protection.

In October, 1910, it was announced that "the work of the tariff board" was to be "boomed" as a series of banquets. Then for three months the banqueting campaign occupied the time and attention of the board. The two most important banquets at which the members of the board were wine and dined were given by the Arkwright club, the leading association of high protection manufacturers of the country, and the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, the wards of Schedule K. The plan adopted for estimating costs is the plan which at the dinner given by the beneficiaries of the wool schedule, Emery was advised to adopt. That plan practically amounts to this: The tariff board will supply the woolen manufacturers with a sample of woolen cloth and a card, and the manufacturers will patriotically jot down their version as to the cost of manufacture in the U. S.

It was a year after the board was created before it started to investigate the manufacturing end of the wool tariff. And this is the board for whose report all tariff revision must be held up!

Government by Stealth.

The Taft administration is even unpopular with the army of government employees in Washington. Why they are not saying anything publicly, the government clerks are bitter because of the many rules inaugurated under Mr. Taft which interfere with their personal liberty and deprive them of rights guaranteed to all citizens by the constitution itself. If the clerks should protest against their conditions, even to Congress, they would lay themselves liable to disgustful methods to prevent a leakage of information injurious to the republican party such as occurred in the Ballinger case.

The following official order signed by George Otis Smith, director of the geological survey, gives an idea of Russian-like censorship attempted in one department: "Rule 2. That no interview shall be granted without securing from the person soliciting the same a promise that he will, before submitting the material to his publication office, present a copy of his manuscript to the director for approval." So far as is known among newspaper men in Washington, nothing so drastic as this in the way of press censorship was ever attempted before in America.

Taft's Offending

Senator Cummins of Iowa has formulated a bill of particulars wherein President Taft has offended. Some of the President's offenses cited are: His position on the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, his position on the bill for the further regulation of interstate common carriers, his position on the change made in the postal savings law, his attitude on the control and disposition of our public domain, his position on the proposed income tax law, his position on the Canadian reciprocity bill, his work for the peace treaties, his vetoes of the woolen schedule, the free list bill and the resolution admitting New Mexico and Arizona as states. This list embraces nearly everything in which the President took a part.

Philippine Independence

Philippine Independence in nine years! This is the definite promise contained in a joint resolution fathered by Judge Cyrus Oline of Indiana, which resolution Speaker Champ Clark declares will in all probability be passed by the House this winter. Judge Oline's plan provides that the Filipinos shall be permitted to elect the upper branch of the Philippine legislature in 1915, adopt in 1917 a constitution to be approved by the United States, and when comes the definite promise that by July, 1920—years hence—the

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United States shall withdraw sovereignty over the Philippine and permit the Filipino people to establish an independent representative government. Democrats Keep Promise

Last November Maine elected a Democratic legislature pledged to state wide primaries. That promise has just been fulfilled, exactly as the Maine Democrats promised it would be. Three years ago the republicans of the nation elected William H. Taft to the presidency on his personal pledge that he would revise the tariff downward. President Taft has turned down two opportunities to keep his word. The Democratic legislature of Maine did after election what it promised to do before election. Mr. Taft has but exemplified the old Republican rule of forgetting promises as soon as an election is won.

A Change of Heart Just why President Taft broke a promise made to five members of Congress on the statehood question has never been explained. In the early days of the extra session five members of the committee on territories visited the President and laid before him the draft of a resolution provided that the recall proposition should be submitted to the people of Arizona and that the majority should decide whether it would be wise to retain it in the Arizona constitution or not. The bill was so framed that neither Congress nor the President would have to go on record as to the merits of the recall. President Taft gave every Congressman present to understand he would sign this bill. The committee, Republicans and Democrats alike, left the White House with a definite understanding to this end.

These members made the statement on the floor of the House that the President had agreed to sign the bill, and it was passed by both houses of Congress. But the President changed his mind and vetoed the bill. He has not yet explained why.

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