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The Randleman News has been revived by Mr. E. E. Workman, formerly of Burlington, and we wish for Mr. Workman a prosperous and profitable life.

Col. E. F. McRae, who died recently at his home in Robeson county, was not only a man of fine intelligence, sturdy character and strict integrity, but was a strong force in his community for its civic and moral uplift.

CONSULTING THE PEOPLE.

At last our people are coming to it. The people are being consulted about the laws they desire.

In Transylvania county W. E. Breese, Jr., in the late campaign promised if elected he would take his orders from the people by meeting the voters after the election in the several townships and discuss with them needd legislation.

Mr. Breese was defeated, but his successful opponent, Mr. Beaver, has been meeting the people of th county and from each township an place where Mr. Beaver has been delegates have been selected to meet at Brevard where a legislative programme will be adopted. Much good will come out of this. It is a capital plan and an ocellent idea of what a majority of the people want can b obtained in this way.

This is a practical application of the initiative and referendum. The Courier would be glad o see more members of the Legislature adopt this plan.

MUCH DEEP PLOUGHING.

The drought in this section of the past two summers has alarmed our farmers and the awkaened interest in better farming methods have put them not only to thinking but in action.

The farmers this fall are not only turning up more acres of soil but are plowing deeper. Deep plowing is one of the most important factors in modern farming.

One of the best farmers in the county said to us the other day, "There are two ways of plowing deep; the first is with a two-horse turning plow, followed by horses hitched to a subsoiler or to an ordinary plow with a long gopher or bull-tongue plow. The latter is just as good as a subsoiler. This method of plowing is the kind for all fields where there is crab grass or what is so commonly called filth. But when the soil is clean a long bull-tongue plow with two good horses or mules hitched to it is just as good provided that as soon as the field is plowed one way you turn round and cross plow it good and deep. All this deep plowing must be done before Jan. 15. The sooner the better. The clay gets too wet to plow after January. It is better to do this plowing before January.

"Deep plowing" consists of reaching the lower strata of soil, turning it up and thereby gradually increasing the depth of the topsoil which affords the nourishment for plant roots. Some have conceived the idea that four or five inches is deep ploughing but such is not the case, is the modern view of the question. Twelve, fourteen and fifteen inches today is deep plowing whereas four or five constituted that estimate years ago. Of course it is impossible to plough to this depth without the especially contrived implements but these are procurable at almost any good hardware store or agricultural implement establishment. Or get a common plow stock and have a long, strong bull-tongue put on it; that is just as good as any. I have had my doubts as to the wisdom of plowing deep in certain characters of land and thereby turning up too much clay all in one season, but there is no danger of ploughing too deep unless the clay is turned up.

GUILFORD'S COUNTY HOME.

The Greensboro Daily Record calls attention to the fact that almost 75 years ago Gov. Morehead, after retiring to pivate life and bding made what is now known as county commissioner, built the present county home, for which he was roundly abused and he had few defenders.

Commenting further Mr. Reese says:

"It was then called the poor house and criticism was aimed at him because about all such buildings were made of logs, with hole big enough to throw a common cat through. The idea was that any kind of an old thing was good enough for the very poor. Not so Governor Morehead. He erected a substantial brick building of old English design and it is there yet."

Attention is here called to Guilford's county home as a self-supporting institution. Compared with Randolph's county home the soil of the county farm is inferior, yet the Guilford county home is self-supporting and more than that, for it furnishes much of the corn for th mules of the convict camp.

How is it, Randolph? It cost the county last year over and above the products raised on the county farm the sum of $1,400 to run the county home, and yet there are only 17 inmates at the home. Some years the expense has been much larger.

This article is not written to criticise any one but to call attention to the fact that the county commissioners should give more attention to the county home and other things where there can be a greater saving by more intelligent action.

Recently an increased appropriation has been made by the county commissioners for the county farm demonstrator. The commissioners very wisely coupled with this appropriation a condition that county farm demonstrator visit the schools and teach agriculture and encourage the boys to join the corn clubs and the girls to unite with an organisation known as the "Girls' Canning Clubs." Another condition should have been imposed and that is that the county farm demonstrator visit county farm at least twice a month and see that at least ten acres of corn is cultivated properly, and that vegetables be grown in great abundance. The county farm demonstrator could by his direction of the county home farm more than get in return the appropiation by the county in this one item alone. There is a wonderful progress being made in farming and the advantages of correct kn wledge of agriculture is bringing about an evolution in farming methods.

In a most sensible editorial the Wilmington Star says:

"The Governor and the Legislature which will make the biggest reputation will be those who will effect wholesome and sweeping reforms in state and county governments with a view to lessening and equalizing taxation, managing State and county institutons, and generally administerings public affairs There s great need and immense opportunity for doing it. The State ought to serve notice on the counties that if they do not know how to manage their 'poor houses' the State will take them out of their hands so as to shut out of the records so many scandalous reports by the grand juries. By the way, grand jury reports are taken too much as a matter of course. They should be taken seriously, their suggestions given heed at once or remedies applied effectively. When a grand jury report brings us face to face with a crisis,right now is the time to sternly perform a duty that is owed to humanity and the public."

The Star regrets that out of the 100 counties 45 of them receive from the State more than they pay to the State.

The Star is right in thinking much of this is due to poor management o the part of public officials.

Take Randolph county for instance, one of the finest agricultural counties in the State with unrivaled natural resources with only 17 persons in the county home, yet the institution is not made self-sustaining.

From three to four thousand dollars can be placed to the credit of Randolph county that is now lost to the county. How can it be done? In various ways by stopping leaks here and there and giving more time and attention to the public business. There is a certain amount of expense which has to be met in the conduct of the affairs of a county, and nothing is to be gained trying to avoid paying for necessary expense, and nothing is to be made in using economy here and there and now and then, but by applying business methods to every item of expenditure. Apply the same methods to buying supplies for the county, to the building and caring of roads and bridges down to the least expenditure and every transaction made and conducted under the supervision of intelligent and competent directon, with the end always in view of strict economy and giving only a dollar where a dollar has been earned.

By applying this rule and keeping it in force and never relaxing it not only hundreds but thousands of dollars can be saved in the administration of county affairs in Randolph and yet Randolph is one of the best governed counties in the State, only a few so far as we know where the business affairs are looked after better.

A WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Under the rules of the Postoffice Department of the United States Government which are now enforced as to weekflies as well as dailies, The Courier is compelled after January 1st to discontinue all subscriptions to those who are in arrears for one year or more.

The Courier is sending out to all who are in arrears as much as three months. Please examine the statements and compare them with the labe lon this wek's issue of The Courier and if correc please help us along by remitting to us promptly.

The first of the year is now near at hand, and it is a good time for settling your subscription to The Courier and remaining for another year.

During the last year The Courier has added a linotype to its plant and has purchased a double-feed Dispatch Babcock printing press which was shipped to us in September last, but it has not been paid for or set up. The old press is still in use. It has kept us busy paying for our linotype all the year.

We want these subscriptions to put in our plant, and we hope our increased efforts to make a better newspaper will stimulate our friends to pay their subscriptions and aid in making further improvements desired. With the increased facilites in our mechanical department The Couier can get to press earlier and in many ways improve the paper which we are trying so hard to mak one of the State's best weeklies.

SALARIES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS.

It begins to look like salaries for county officers in Randolph. It means either that or a subsantial reduction of the fees of the principal offices in the county, and one of the best things about it is no objection seems to be urged against it by the officers.

With a view to carrying out the provisions of the county platform Mr. J. A. Withers, the new county chairman; ex-sheriff T. J. Finch and J. D. Ross have been appointed a committee to look into and see what the fees and income of the county officers have bene for the 18 months prior to Sept. 9, 1912. Since the last date the officers are keeping an itemized sworn statement of all fees. The first quarter having ended Dec. 9th when the first report was made. It is gratifying to see that the county commissioners and the committee and the county officers consider the question in conference in a spirit of amity and good will. This sounds well and leads us to believe there will not be friction as is so often the case when such questions arise. If such is the case it will be delightful. A course should be pursued that will bring about harmony and that will leave no scars.

It may be that Randolph is not ready to adopt the full system, but many think so. It has proven most satisfactory in large counties and the principle The Courier believes to be the correct one.

The committee will soon go to work with an honest effort to get at the facts and determine what is best.

Better Farming Tour in Davidson.

The Davidson County Agricultural Association's better farming tour which started Monday of last week met hearty receptions all over the county. Corn shows were held with gratifying results at the day sessions. The party in addition to talking better farming put in work for good roads everywhere. Davidson county is one of the most backward in the State in road building, but is waking up.

No Alarm Over Democratic Tariff Law.

There is hearty approval in all the manufacturing centers of Oscar Underwood's plans for early hearings and prompt action upon the tariff. Letters received by Congressmen representing manufacturing districts express no alarm over the prospects of a Democratic tariff law. They express general satisfaction and petition early disposition of the tariff so that they may know under what conditions they must work.

Farm Demonstration Work.

Our farm demonstrator, Mr. Coble assures us that he highly appreciate the interest the farmers of this county have taken in the demonstration work. The conditions in the past year have been very hard on th demonstration work and the farmers in general.

But in traveling over the county Mr. Coble notices that where the farmers took pains with their work, broke and thoroughly prepared their land and used a reasonable amount of fertilizers the crops are a great deal better than where the farmers were in a hurry and planted their crops in rough, half-broken land. If land is worth woking at all it is worth working right.

There are many farmers in Randolph county who are farming by th demonstration methods, and they are the progressive farmers who are continually improving their land.

It is generally known that there is and can be no ironclad rule to farming. But, although some rules can be worked best one year and others another year, there are some rules that work almost every year and pay well. Good drainage, deep breaking of the soil, thorough preparation of the seed bed, good seed and frequent shallow cultivation usually pay well and are essential to good farming. If more peas and crimson clover were grown and rotation of crops carried out farmers could cut down fertiliser bills considerably, improve their land and grow larger cops.

None of us know all about farming and few of us put into practice all that we do know.

The purpose of this demonstration work is to induce the farmers to practice the best methods of handling their soil so as to control soil fertility. This necessarily includes deep breaking in the fall, a winter cover crop to add humus and prevent washing, rotation of crops, and thorough preparation of the seed bed.

There is not the least risk in practicing this demonstration work on the farms of Randolph county. It has been tried with highly satisfactory results. It is possible to have a demonstration plat on every farm in this county. Mr. Coble would be glad to visit each farm and do all he could to help aong. If every farmer in Randolph county would co-operate with the farm demonstrator and those who are interested in such work, farming would be by far more profitable and pleasurable.

Annual Convention State Farmers' Union.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Farmers' Union at Raleigh last week was perhaps the most important and largely attended convention the State Union has ever been in its history. The meeting was made notable both by the large amount of important business transacted and the able addresses delivered by distinguished men.

Col. J. Bryan Grimes, H. Q. Alexander, Clarence H. Poe and Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union, made interesting speeches.

There was a large attendance and deep interest was taken in all the proceedings. All the officers were re-elected. Each vote was unanimous and the result was:

President—Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county.

Vice-President—Dr. I. M. Templeton, of Wake county.

Sec.-Treasurer—E. C. Faircs, of Moore county.

Organizer—J. Z. Greene, Union county.

Business Agent—J. R. Rivers, Lee county.

Chaplain—Rev. Mr. Duke, Franklin county.

Executive Committee—W. B. Gibson, Statesville; W. G. Crowder, Cary; J. P. Coggins, Bear Creek; W. H. Moore, Falkland; C.C.Wright, Hunting Creek.

The State Organizer's report showed 10,000 members had been added to the Union in the past year, making the total membership 50,000. Ther are 2,200 local organizations in he State.

Secretary of State's Biennial Report.

The forthcoming biennial report of the Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes, to Gov. Kitchin and the Legislature will show that during 1911 there were 980 charters issued to new corporations, and during 1912 there were 1,093 charters. During the two years there were 608 dissolutions; 57 trademarks registered and charters issued for 74 banks—36 during 1911 and 38 during 1912.

There were 1,686 automobiles registered during 1911 and 2,402 during 1912. There have been 6,106 automobiles registered since the State began requiring registration. During 1911 $46,045 was paid into the State treasury for 131 land grants and during 1912 $7,050 was paid for 124 grants.

Asheboro Sunday Schools.

Attendance and collecion Sunday, Dec. 15.

M. P., attendance 100, contribution $1.69.

M. E., attendance 165 contribution $4.20.

Presbyterian, atendance 31 contribution .56.

West Bend M. E., attendance 40, contribution 45.

Mrs. O. E. Doak, an estimable woman, died at her home in Greensboro Sunday evening.

NICE JEWELRY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Solid Gold and gold filled brooches and bar pins 25c to $20.00. Lockets and chains, neck chains and pendants.

Large assortment of rings, solid gold set with fancy stones, genuine pearls and diamondsr Fobs, stick pins, tie clasps, bracelets, sterling silver novelties.

Clocks and watches of the best quality.

N. P. COX, Jeweler.

Christmas Goods

Fancy Glove Boxes, Jewel Boxes, all filled with handsome stationery at prices ranging from 25 cents up to $10.00.

Bibles, Testaments and Post Cards

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O. R. FOX - - - . Asheboro

AUCTION SALE.

On Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1913, will sell to the highest bidder, one 50-acre farm, good land; two 2-year-old mares, good workers; one work mule; one 2-horse wagon and harness; seven hogs, good breeders, two years old; a fine lot of registered Berkshire pigs, 29 pigs in all; a lot of pure-bred Ancona, White Leghorn ane Wyandotte chickens, one good Incubator and many other things too tedious to mention. Be sure to come. Sale to begin at 12 o'clock.

Seagrove Stock and Poultry Farm.
Seagrove, R. F. D. 1, Randolph Co., N. C.

Martin McNeill, Prop.

Sale of Land and Timber.

Under authority of the last will and testament of Daniel B. Leach, deceased, I will sell at public auction, for cash, on

Tuesday, January 21st, 1913, at 1 O'clock P. M.

on the premises the following land and timber:

One tract containing 12 1-2 acres, more or less, well timbered. Land and timber will be sold separately. The timber consists of forest pine, old field pine, fine oak, etc. One tract of 37 1-2 acres, more or less. Boundaries can be seen by applying to the undersigned. These tracts are in Brower township, Randolph county, within one mile of Mt. Olivet Academy and church. Sufficient time will be allowed to get timber off.

ELI B. LEACH,
Admr. C. T. A. of Daniel Leach, deceased.

Hammer & Kelly, Attys.

204.38.

Report of the Condition of the

BANK OF LIBERTY

At Liberty, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Nov. 26, 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	$ 79,582.39
Overdrafts	356.22
All other stocks, bonds and mortgages	650.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,054.00
Demand loans	
Due from banks and bankers	24,942.69
Cash items	25.60
Gold coin	2,160.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	7[illegible]4.34
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	1,800.00
Total	114,[illegible]06.04

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	10,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,[illegible]84
Dividends unpaid	
Deposits subject to check	83,[illegible].85
Savings deposits	14,[illegible].47
Due to banks and bankers	
Cashier's Checks outstanding	227.88
Accrued interest due depositors	
Total	114,106.04

State of North Carolina, County of Randolph, } ss.

I, B. M. Brower, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

B. M. BROWER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
A. E. LEWIS,
G. A. FOSTER, M. D.
JAMES F. PLATT,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of December, 1912. W. B. OWEN, J. P.

According to the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue $8,953,480.66 was collected in North Carolina last year. North Carolina produced 16,508,285 manufactured cigars and 1,398,576,000 cigarettes in the past year. The tax paid on tobacco in the fourth and fifth districts amounted to $7,237,