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News must be getting rather scarce in Asheville, for we noticed the other day that one of the Asheville papers carried as a special dispatch from Brevard an article that had been printed in this paper two weeks previously, and had in the meantime been printed in three or four state papers and credited to this paper. We like to have our "stun" copied, but we also like to receive proper credit for it.

The Waynesville Courier last week says that there are certain citizens in that town who could leave there for the town's good. What's the matter with them; won't they play fair?

### CARRANZA AND CATHOLICS

In this column we recently stated that the only reason we know why Carranza should be recognized as president of Mexico was that the Catholics do not want him, which in our opinion is a very strong point in his favor. From this opinion one of our readers, who states that he was "converted" to the Catholic faith after he was thirty years old, took exception, and stated that he felt that I have a right to my Freedom in this respect as much as any man on earth and I am willing to accord the same privileges to others.

All of which appears to us as a huge joke. We have never said a word or done a thing to interfere with this man in his manner of worship. Since he is so broad-minded we feel sure he can have no objection to our running our little "rag of freedom" just as we please, and if we are minded to take a tall one of the Catholics occasionally we shall do so.

On the other hand we see that A. V. Johnson, editor of *Charity and Children*, feels about the matter pretty much as we do, for in the last issue of his periodical, he had the following to say:

"We are rather confident that the president was wise in recognizing Carranza, because of the vile abuse the Morning Star, a Catholic organ, pours out upon him. And this course should win the approval of the people of the country."

The caliber of the man who takes us to task for our "little squint" may be ascertained by a study of the following, which we have copied just as it came to us, spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

"About the only reason we know that Carranza should not be recognized as president in Mexico is that the Catholics don't want him."

"The 'not' was inserted by our Catholic friend."

"I would like to ask you what you have against Catholics? Do you know anything about them for a long time, or do you get your information from a newspaper in the States and follow what they say? I have been converted by Sunday Preachers for years."

"Would you like to see Catholics hanged and drive from their homes, and not allowed to practice their religion?"

"Do you not think Catholics are entitled to just and fair treatment as other people?"

"Do you exchange with the State Lane Weekly if so read the article on first page written by T. J. Lantz a protestant in issue of Oct. 21st."

"Really I am not surprised at such outbreaks, as locality, and environment makes all the difference in the world. The writer was born and raised up under just such surroundings, and was never inside of Catholic Church until he was 35 years old, and is a convert to this faith. Will say I became a Member of this Church without solicitation from any one. I learned that

It was a Church that Taught Certainty in religion. That's its Doctrine never Changed and had not for nearly two Thousand years. There are many things I learned while investigating the Claims of the Church which was reasonable to my Mind and which I could readily believe therefore I feel that I have a right to my Freedom in this respect as much so as any Man on earth and I am willing to accord the same privileges to others."

The editor of the News is of the opinion that Mother Eddy's own church lost a jewel when it failed to capture this prize. We believe Mrs. Eddy's doctrine would appeal to our friend, especially when he should get into the third degree.

### TAXATION

Charity and Children.

North Carolina in her taxing system is not only clean out of date, but is committing a wrong that is without excuse. Her method of raising revenue is not only bungling—it is positively immoral. The inequalities and injustice of the present levy have been pointed out a thousand times. It is no secret—everybody knows it, and yet nothing is done to correct the evil. A few of our citizens make honest returns of their property—the great majority do not make honest returns and they are the ones most able to pay. Thus the state lays its heaviest burden upon its weakest children. The "poll tax" has been hobbled for fifty years, and our political leaders have told us that no such reform has been imposed upon any people as this method of taxing the many for the benefit of the few; and yet no ill, however unjust or wicked has wrought half the harm and injustice that this method of taxation now in vogue in North Carolina has inflicted on the patient people. To be sure, the people are themselves to blame for this inequality. They had the opportunity to correct the evil in the lamented "taxation amendment" which they backed under an unshaken vote. Since the dear people chose to reject the best means of securing justice in this matter that has ever been offered them, they are in poor shape to make complaint when the corporation commission adds to their burden and gives them a screw when they ask for bread. The chairman of this able body was largely responsible for the defeat of the amendment, and instead of trying to equalize the burden of taxation simply adds from 5 to 20 percent to the load already so heavy. It is too much to hope that the next legislature will take hold of this taxation problem in an intelligent way, and distribute the burden more equally. Our lawmakers are afraid of the question of taxation. It is always loaded, it is a sore subject. But if we could only assemble the best of legislators who do not care a copper whether they ever see Raleigh again or not, they could perform a service for the state that would make them immortal. There is a great taxation that has come under our observation. A concern that is doing a tremendous business makes a return of \$150,000 on its property. Another with about the same capital makes a return of \$12,000. Such an inequality should never be permitted to exist, and the taxation of 25 percent on the business of each, does not touch the trouble at all. We must adopt no longer the method of raising our revenue.

### IN NATION

Statements of Marion Citizens Are Always of Interest to Our Readers.

To many of our readers the streets of Marion are almost as familiar as those of our own town, and we are naturally interested to read of happenings there. The following report from a well-known and respected resident will be helpful to numbers of men and women here in Brevard.

J. A. Laughbridge, sheriff, Fleming avenue, Marion, N. C., says: "My back ached and the kidney sensations passed too frequently, obliging me to get up at night. Doan's Kidney Pills helped me from the first, and by the time I had finished one box the pains had left my back and my kidneys were in good shape."

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### FROM BROTHER OWEN

After a long silence, which I hope you will excuse on account of great pressure of work, I am glad to get a few words with you and the good people of Transylvania again.

Several weeks of my time this autumn have been taken in attending associations in this state and Tennessee. I have also attended the opening exercises at several of our schools in Georgia, South Carolina and this state. In all the associations there is evident progress in the Master's kingdom. In only one was there any sign of the whiskey curse. This was the Watauga Association in Tennessee, held at Butler, not far from whiskey besotted, Bristol, Va. During the meeting of the association there were two men killed within three miles of our meeting place. One of these men was killed by a woman—a former confederate of his in the illicit whiskey business. I am glad that the saloons are soon to close in Old Virginia. Though all my territory Kentucky will be the only state in which whiskey can be bought according to law. We are hoping and expecting that old Kentucky will soon realize it.

After the association period it has been my privilege to hold three meetings—one at Mars Hill, N. C. and two in South Carolina. Mars Hill College is enlarging and strengthening herself for larger usefulness for the future. At Long Creek in South Carolina, near the point at which North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina join, I had the hardest task, I think, of all my life. The community was seriously rent by an old feud of thirty-five years standing. The principals in this, unfortunately, were two old Baptist ministers. The occasion of the feud was the whiskey business. One of these men with his friends stood rigidly against the business; the other with his friends drank whiskey and died in it. Several men have been killed, especially in connection with the whiskey business in that community. The pro-whiskey brother, seven years ago, made up his mind to sever all connections with the whiskey business under circumstances which I do not think prudent here to describe. But the two brethren are now at peace with each other, and their friends are rapidly falling in line. Let me say here that I know of only one other that is said to occasionally "apple" with whiskey. These men will have no successors. No men in the entire country have wrought more mightily for prohibition than the old time country preachers of the Southern Highlands. It is only just to call the attention of all to this fact. One of our most promising younger schools is being operated in that community. One of the greatest men the south has ever produced—an ex-governor and senator, and father of a governor—was born and reared in this community, and many of his relatives still live here. Old South Carolina is already feeling the thrill and uplift of the great prohibition victory. We may expect greater and better things of her in the future.

Asheville is in the midst of perhaps the greatest religious revival in its history. Chapman and Alexander with their co-workers are being mightily used of God here. The meetings are to continue four or five weeks longer. Will not a large number of the friends in Transylvania avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing these remarkable men? We extend a hearty invitation to all Transylvania. Come.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. C. OWEN, Evangelist.

### LAKE TOXAWAY HONOR ROLL

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