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Don't Be Afraid

Don't hesitate to start the long Moore county article. It is really quite a number of short articles, and I believe you will find nearly every one containing matter of interest.

He Deserves Congratulations

Carl Goerch has completed the first year of his "State." He has made a remarkably handsome magazine, always readable, and what is as important, seems to have made a financial success of his venture. He deserves congratulations.

High-Water Marks Set

The Wake Forest centennial occasion was a most enjoyable one. It is difficult to see just how it could have been improved. That and Bladen's bicentennial celebration have set two high-water marks. The writer has never enjoyed two occasions more.

Tomorrow Tells the Tale

The strong interest excited in the campaign in the Third and Fourth Congressional districts, the Fourth judicial, and other contests will reach its climax tomorrow evening as the votes are counted. The real struggle will come in the second primaries for congressmen and solicitors.

A Better Risk

The nomination of Judge Schenck by the State Democratic Executive committee as successor to himself as appointee of the governor to the supreme court justiceship vacated by the death of Justice Adams assures a man of the first rank for that important position. For one, I prefer Judge Schenck to the possible outcome of a nomination by a state-wide primary.

Governor Chooses Wisely

Those of us who remember the strength and worth of the senior Judge Schenck and all who are convinced of the possession of the same qualities by the younger can but feel that Governor Ehringhaus has made a signally happy selection for the succession to Justice Adams. Since the division of the State into two judicial divisions, we of the eastern half of the State do not become acquainted personally with the judges of the western district except in a second-hand way, but Judge Schenck's reputation for knowledge of the law, for strength of character, and for judicial righteousness, has managed, by one means or another, largely to permeate the State as a whole.

It is to be taken for granted that the same good judgment has prevailed in the appointment of Solicitor Pless as Judge Schenck's successor on the superior court bench.

Necrology

One of the penalties of having a broad acquaintance and many friends is that scarcely a day passes without news of the death of acquaintance or friend. The past week or two has been exceptionally fatal to friends of the editor of The Voice. We give here a partial necrology:

Justice Adams, gentleman, scholar, and just and upright judge;

James Hubbard, of Clinton, a gentleman since very childhood;

E. B. Freeman, of Lumberton, clean, upright, diligent in business and an honor to the printers' craft—man—an artist in the realm of type. Mrs. H. C. Freeman of Lumberton, sister-in-law of E. B. Freeman—a good and industrious woman;

David M. Prince, of Goldsboro, a school-mate at Wake Forest, where he graduated in 1893, a teacher for a number of years, a good business man; clean and upright;

R. D. Vann, of Sampson county, farmer and merchant—an honorable and useful citizen;

Judge C. J. Smith, of Dunn, taken without a moment's warning; able attorney, just judge for years of the Dunn recorder's court, long chairman of the county board of education, an elder in the Presbyterian church, an all-round good citizen and neighbor, and a representative of one of the oldest and most influential of Harnett county families.

All of these, except Mr. Vann and Mrs. Freeman, and perhaps others who have passed without my knowledge, were appreciated subscribers to this paper.

AN ADEQUATE MINIMUM INCOME FOR ALL EFFICIENT WORKERS THE WAY OUT

Wealth Is a Creation of Society. Therefore Society Has the Right to Control Its Distribution. Every Efficient Essential Worker Deserves an Adequate Minimum Income. None Should Receive More Than That Till the Minimum Income, Measured Not in Money But in Comforts, Has Been Assured All Essential Workers. If Necessary Confiscate the Fortunes Accumulated at the Expense of the Workers.

The State's Voice was started, among other reasons, to afford a medium for the discussion of matters fundamental to the economic system. It is a far cry back to January 1, 1933. Any week since March 4, 1933, the people of this country have given ten times the thought to fundamental matters that they did in any week for years prior thereto. Yet the editor of The Voice had been calling, for years, for a re-examination of the fundamentals. He had urged that nothing be taken for granted simply because it had thus long been taken. A favorite illustration was that of the effect of the discovery of the seemingly obvious circulation of the blood upon the building of a true medical science. The science of medicine had a rebirth in that discovery. Any of the marvelous discoveries of later days would have been practically impossible without the fundamental discovery.

Similarly, if there is something wrong with the fundamental conceptions of an equitable economic system that error must be disclosed before any true economic science can be evolved. America might be still undiscovered if Columbus had not conceived contrary to the traditional belief and had the courage to act upon that novel conception. Contrary to the age-old conceptions of a flat earth, it was actually round all the time. And whatever is wrong with the economic conception is not a new ailment, but one

Dunn Students Win Honors

Dunn may well be proud of the distinction won the past session by its boys at several schools. The outstanding record of George Noel, Jr., at Wake Forest College, where he graduated magna cum laude, the winning of the debaters' medal at Oak Ridge by C. L. Guy, Jr., and the clean sweep of awards by the stenography and type-writing team of the Dunn school in the state-wide contest, and possibly other distinctions, serve to emphasize the high character of Dunn's school, for eight years under the supervision of Principal Shepard Bryan, as well as to signalize the individual worth of the honor students themselves. Particularly gratifying is the extraordinary record by the Business department under the management of Prof. Finney the very first year of its operation, which sent three first-year students in stenography to the state-wide contest who won over students of two years' training in the city schools of the State, one of them, Miss Melva Rowland, making a perfect record, and even the third in rank outstripping all contestants from any other school in the State.

Some Are Bound to Lose

It is evident that many candidates must lose in the contest tomorrow. Let it be understood that losing is no dishonor. There are many things besides comparative worth that go to determine the winner. Moreover, it is no mean distinction to have proved that one has won the esteem and confidence of a goodly number of his fellow citizens to the extent that they vote for him against all other comers. Therefore, The Voice advises all defeated candidates to bear their defeat with the best of grace and in perfectly good humor.

Renewals of subscriptions by mail save us a goodly part of the dollar.

North Carolina to Have Two New Ports?

It is gratifying to feel that the State is likely to have two new ports—a great seaport at Morehead City and an inland port at Fayetteville. Fortunately, North Carolina did not decide to issue a large volume of bonds to finance the building of ports and terminals. That was one of the issues looming large during the Morrison administration. The State declined to adopt such a scheme, but seems likely to get, in a large measure, what Governor Morrison was seeking, and without the expenditure of her own money—or that received for a bond issue. Generous Uncle Sam is providing the funds—a million and a half dollars in the case of the Morehead City project. The work on the lock on the Cape Fear needed to produce an estimated 8-foot channel to Fayetteville is in progress. Uncle Sam is footing that bill.

as old as the race. That is how old the conception of a flat earth was. And that false idea shut half the world out of the ken of the other half. Similarly, the failure to recognize the barriers that keep half the people of this country, or of any other country, out of economic security must be recognized and reckoned with. Knowledge and courage to act upon that knowledge are the two essentials to true progress.

Resources Sufficient for All

There is not a sane man in America today who is not convinced that this country, indeed the whole world, has sufficient resources to provide, with a moderate degree of diligence and efficiency of effort, if not an abundance, a sufficiency for every man, woman, and child in it. Every sane man as clearly sees that not all are getting that sufficiency and that tens of thousands are enabled to survive at all only by the grace of the government's exercising so-called emergency powers. All as clearly see that some have not merely a sufficiency but a superfluity—so much that the government, forced to assume a paternalistic attitude to avert the starvation of millions in a land overflowing with riches, may borrow from them the billions needed to supply the minimum needs of the millions. Yet the government, seeing clearly what has caused the distress and what will indefinitely continue to perpetuate or renew it, cannot budge an inch toward the true measures for relief till it is bold enough to declare the causes of the evil and to demand of the people the authority to eradicate them. The obvious trouble is that thousands have reaped where they have not sowed.

Wealth a Creation of Society

The conception of the right of private property is a proper one. But the conception of the equitable basis of attainment of private property has not been clearly stated and positively accepted. With the exception of the rudimentary or elementary needs which a man under pioneer conditions can supply for himself, as did Robinson Crusoe, wealth is a creation of the social body and not of isolated individuals. Pierpont Morgan, with all his acumen, given a whole continent without a population, could but resort to the life of the pioneer, in which the individual can accumulate only what he himself creates or fashions out of the resources at hand.

Society Has Right to Direct Distribution of Wealth

Wealth, then, being a production of the social body, it does not require a denial of the right to individual property to establish the social body's right to a supervision of the distribution of the wealth produced by the combined efforts of the members of that body. Nor does such a supervision predicate an equal division of that common wealth. The principle of an equitable distribution should be easily arrived at. And it will be found to be anything but the grab-game policy now existing.

The Principle of Equitable Distribution

Today, as during all history, there is frequently no relation at all between what one has and the degree of service he has rendered the society from which he has received it. Indeed, many who have done little or nothing in exchange for what they have, have more than thousands who have worked long and efficiently in essential employments. I say, "efficiently" and "essential" advisedly, for not mere time or energy expended in toil counts. In the first place, before one can equitably demand of society a reward for his toil, he must demonstrate that his toil is expended in a way that means something to society. A man might kill himself uselessly digging holes and filling them up again. But that means nothing. That is no essential employment. But worse than doing that which is utterly useless is doing something which is harmful to society. And there are plenty of jobs by which men "make" good livings that are utterly useless or worse than useless. Not only is this true because of the nature of the employment but often because of the fact that his job is a duplicate of that of another who is sufficiently able to do what both are doing. In such case two men are collecting livings for the work that one could do.

Efficiency also is a consideration as well as the essentialness of the employment. And there are all degrees of efficiency in the same employment. That

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