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LICENSE TAG PRICE INCENSES NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers from one end of the state to the other are "sitting on" the governor on account of the exorbitant prices of license tags and the further fact that the governor will not grant a few days respite in the matter of collecting for same.

The Asheville Times sums it up this way:

"Why would it not be a good idea for the Governor to call the Legislature into special session and ask for revival of laws imprisoning for debt? It was customary in the early days of this country; it would be a helpful and logical supplement to the state's program at this time in collecting these excessive registration fees."

One newspaper is agitating setting the price of tags at one dollar each, and avers that the state would more than get enough extra revenue from the heavily taxed gasoline to offset this difference in the price of tags, and at the same time allow the average man to drive his car, which in most cases is a necessity—not merely for pleasure.

Several other papers of the state are asking the people why it is that they have not sent men to the legislature in the past who would have looked into such matters, and calling upon the voters to take this into consideration when Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith announce this spring for the legislature.

MORE POWER TO AMERICAN LEGION

National Commander Hayes of the American Legion voiced the sentiment of a lot of people in his address at Shreveport last Saturday night when he asserted that the government should have a universal draft law that would put everybody in government service in time of war thus ridding the country of the war-time millionaires.

"The result of such a law would be to take away from us the avaricious, greedy money-grabbing individuals, who told you fellows such a beautiful story of how much they'd do for you when you came back, and would remove any possibility that they could make money out of what you have been sent to war to do. There won't be any wars in the future motivated by a desire to acquire plain money," is the way Commander Hayes summed the matter up, and who can say that he is not right.

GOOD SEASON IN FLORIDA BRINGS CHEER

Reports from Florida are to the effect that the best season is being experienced in the Sunshine State since the boom days of 1929. Transylvania county people are doubly interested in such news, for it is a generally known fact that when Florida has a good winter season Transylvania county has a good summer season.

Local people who have been to Florida during the past month bear testimony to the crowded condition of hotels and apartment houses, backing up newspaper reports that "happy days are here again" in Florida. Take heart folks, at least that's something to look for.

TRY A DOSE OF THIS ON "GROUCHY"

The following poem, taken from the Southern Public Utilities Magazine seems to fit in pretty well with some of our folk, and is passed along for their edification:

If you do not like your home town,
 Or the speed at which it grows;
 If you do not like its scenery,
 Or its climate or its shops;
 If you do not like the people
 That your home town fascinates,
 There are cars and trains now leaving
 For some forty-seven states.
 If you cannot boost your home town,
 Where men rise and fall each day;
 If you cannot use the bright sunshine
 To make glad somebody's way,
 If you cannot join in boosting,
 Then you must have knocking traits,
 And they're selling tickets daily
 For some forty-seven states.
 Rest and change renew ambition.
 Evil lures only by false promises.
 Keep your temper; nobody else wants it.
 War never kills the ones who need killing.

HOUSE CLEANING IS NEEDED IN WASHINGTON

Again come reports from Washington that nepotism, thought to be a thing of the past with closing of the last session of congress, is again holding sway with representatives of the "deere peepul," no less than 58 being counted in the family affair column so far, and the checkup not yet completed.

Salaries of some of the would-be leaders are already far more than they actually earn and placing members of their families on the government payroll is adding insult to injury.

"It's something new folks, unheard of before in this great land of ours...you'll miss it all if you don't see this...." Old P. T. Barnum ought to be back in the land ballyhoosing something that is really new...men dancers...who seem to be making a hit. A group of the male "beauties" appeared at Charlotte last Monday night, with nary a skirt to be seen in the strictly non-feminine performance. Now's the time for those who are really looking for graceful art to have their innings.

BETTER THAN A LETTER FROM HOME

Editor The Times:
 Enclosed please find check for renewal for another year. I read the paper regularly and find it far better than a letter from home. I hope to visit the old home county during the spring or summer, as I have many relatives and friends there.

C. E. WILSON
 Boise, Idaho.

CHECKING UP

While Mark Twain was editor of a Missouri paper a subscriber wrote him saying he had found a spider in his paper and asking Mark whether this was a sign of good or bad luck. The following was the reply:

Old Subscriber: Finding a spider in your paper was neither good luck nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over your paper to see which merchant is not advertising, so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward.

OAKLAND NEWS

(By Mrs. Lee F. Norton)

The past week has been a busy one for so many of our friends and neighbors. First the death of Lawrence Lyday of Rosman, whose funeral was held at Lake Toxaway Baptist church. Then the sad news of the killing of Frank Bryson in Cashiers. Both families have many relatives and friends in our community who are also our friends and neighbors. We sincerely sympathize with them.

We have just learned that we have new neighbors, Mrs. Rigdon, mother of Louis Rigdon, who recently moved from Jackson county to the J. B. Neal place, which was vacated a few weeks ago by the moving out of Lee Phillips. We are glad to welcome Mrs. Rigdon as our neighbors.

Mrs. E. A. Reid was on the sick list last week but is able to be out again.

Mrs. W. F. McCall, Mrs. Lee Norton and Frank Fisher were callers at the home of Mrs. Mary Burgess one afternoon last week.

Mrs. Wood Hinkle, Mrs. W. W. Reid, Mrs. Louis Rigdon, Mrs. Dewey Bryson and Mrs. Wesley Reed were Brevard visitors one day last week.

Mrs. Clyde Chappell was at Dr. E. S. English's office in Brevard one day last week with her little granddaughter, Frances Chappell, who remains in a serious condition.

Wesley Reed, Louis Rigdon, and Lency Sanders called Saturday on I. S. Sanders.

J. L. Sanders of South Carolina spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Sanders, returning home Saturday.

Cleve Nicholson of Enka was calling on friends here last week, Miss Evon Sanders returned with him to Enka, where she has accepted employment.

Cecil, small son of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Sanders, was quite ill a few days last week but is most well again.

I. S. Sanders visited his parents one day last week and reports that the old folks are getting along fine.

Clarence Norton was detained at home from his work at the OCC camp Monday on account of the illness of his wife.

Frank Willbanks of Lake Toxaway and his nephew, Mr. White of Asheville, called Sunday afternoon on Clyde Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Revis spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCall.

Miss Verona Fisher called on Mrs. I. S. Sanders one evening last week.

We are very glad that Mrs. Florence Ryan of the welfare work has been visiting some of the needy of our section. We believe if she could just get behind the curtain we would have very little trouble in getting a sewing room for our community. We have very few beggars in our community but most of us actually need work. One widow lady who has a nice little home told me if she did not get work to pay the insurance, and tax she was afraid she would lose her home and she did not lack very much having it paid for. A little help from the welfare office will not save her home and she is begging for work. I believe the president would like for such folks to have work. How about it?

GLANCING BACK AT BREVARD

Taken from the files of The Sylvan Valley News, beginning 1895, through the courtesy of Mrs. W. B. F. Wright.

(From the file of Nov. 26, 1897)

Rev. L. A. Falls has been assigned by the recent conference to the Brevard circuit for another year. Our Methodist brethren were well pleased with this action of the conference.

On Friday last a car load of western yellow corn, shipped from Kentucky to J. O. Cooper, was hauled from the depot to the Laurel Valley distillery. It seems very strange that the money to buy corn could not be kept at home, especially as little surplus outside of corn is produced by Transylvania farmers.

L. G. Siniard had the honor of tracing a panther on the Balsam mountain Tuesday. He was riding his mule in one of the trails among the balsam trees looking for missing stock from his range. Looking forward from a sharp turn in the trail he saw some animal bound into the trail and come toward him. It was a panther! And there was no time to consider what was best to be done. Mr. Vanderbilt doesn't permit firearms in his game preserve, and Mr. Siniard was unarmed. When the animal had arrived within ten steps Mr. Siniard, imitating the barking of a dog, whipped his mule into the trail directly in front of the formidable brute and met him on charge. The brute was surprised, and for want of time to study the situation it sprang to a balsam tree and climbed up it about 20 feet with lightning-like velocity. Stopping on the first limb it eyed its adversary, showed its glistening tusks and uttered ominous growls. It was too near the ground to suit Mr. Siniard's idea of a safe retreat, so he dismounted, picked up a piece of balsam root which had been cut out of the trail, and threw it with all his force just missing the panther's nose and hitting the limb on which its fore paw was resting. This caused the brute to seek safety by taking a higher perch and riding among the foliage out of sight. This was Mr. Siniard's cue, and he urged his mule out into the open woods at a J. H. Gilpin pace. He says it makes him nervous to see a panther bounding towards him and know that he can neither defend himself nor get out of the way.

Several of our friends have quite recently departed for several weeks, which may have an important bearing on her future welfare and prosperity. The departure of C. Seyman to Asheville leaves the Dr. M. King business block unoccupied, although Mr. Seyman is still paying rent for it. There are rumors that it will be occupied by a Greenville drug company after January 1, but we have no positive information to that effect. Messrs Aiken and Allison have sold their livery business to T. L. Clarke & Co., who took possession of the stable on Saturday. Jule and Cliff have business instincts and experience which will not long remain idle. The meat market of Aiken and Lankford changes hands this week by the withdrawal of P. B. Lankford from the firm. W. J. Aiken will continue to serve his customers as heretofore. It is not known what Mr. Lankford proposed to do in the future.

It is as dry as was ever known in Transylvania county, wells are nearly all dry, fire is burning in every direction, and yet no effort is making to secure a water supply. Should a fire get started in town now our citizens would be compelled to stand idly by and see their property consumed. There is scarcely water enough in sight to feed the extinguishers, and these would be useless after a fire got well under way.

It is a new experience in Brevard to find the doors of a business house closed and its stock in the hands of an assignee. Tuesday morning the door of Bell & Blythe's store did not open and it was stated on the street that they were taking stock. Wednesday morning J. W. Pless, to whom the business had been assigned, gave out all that is definitely known. It has been known here for some time that E. W. Blythe was not satisfied. Sales had fallen off under the McKinley prosperity regime until there was no pay in the business for two, and he had found employment with a Richmond house for several months. It was deemed advisable to close out the business and thus give both an opportunity of other employment. In order to do this an assignment was necessary, giving preference to home creditors. The character of the gentlemen comprising the firm of Bell & Blythe is above reproach, and it is safe to predict that no man will lose a nickel by their apparent failure. It is a legitimate result of the hard times which is now afflicting the country and the over-done business enterprises of Brevard. Most men like to be making something even if times are hard.

Too many compliments and gifts are only traded. The bigger the fish the more easily it gets away. Some cities have the best judges money can buy. To a really big man authority means only responsibility. The remote control system doesn't work with children.

Farmers Are Not Getting Fair Chance

Editor Times:
 Most all of us old farmers have to work so hard we don't have much time to get out any where to find out just what is going on, and naturally get hungry at times for information along our line of business, so may want to ask you a few questions before we are through.

We notice corn meal advertised in a nearby city, by an up-to-date grocery store at 86 cents per bushel, now one thing we want to know is with corn at 50 cents on the market, who gets the 46 cents or nearly 100 per cent of the price paid the producer. The mill man gets what the law allows him to grind the corn, so when ground the 48 lbs. of meal only costs 50 cents (there was no transportation charges on the meal referred to above as it was locally ground). Now we assume that the bags to hold this meal cost 6 cents per bushel, who gets the 40 cents between the producer and the consumer? Will the farmers continue to haul and sell their corn for less than it costs them to produce it, and pay high prices for the goods they have to buy? Mr. farmer, what do you think about it? Don't you think this is a good time to express yourself?

According to the State college reports, based on a five year average production for the state, it costs around 70 cents to produce a bushel of corn. Now if some fellow who has never grown any corn denies this we can cite him to some good land he can get to try it for himself. Now if it costs 70 cents to produce a bushel of corn (and we find by keeping records that this is about right) then how can a farmer sell his corn for 20 cents less than it costs him to produce it, keep up his equipment, pay his taxes, school his children, buy his fertilizer, to say nothing of a fairly decent suit of clothes to wear to church? Does the farmer not deserve a legitimate profit on what he produces to sell as well as men in other lines of business? The farmer has no control over weather conditions, therefore his operations are a risk until his crops are gathered, and if they are the only class of men who ever did or ever will add anything to the wealth of the world. The middle man takes no risk, and can control his production, and his output as well and will tell you that he must have a profit to stay in business. He is right about that, and he should have a legitimate profit, but the farmer has a business of feeding and clothing the world and how in the name of reason can a farmer run his business without getting credit for his operations to say nothing of a little profit.

Now to get back to the fact of production as stated above for one other thought 49.6 per cent of the farmers in this country are tenants. At the average cost of production at

70 cents and the tenant has his land leased at the customary rent of 50 per cent of the crop, what does the corn that he puts in his own crib cost him?

Now Mr. Editor it is not our purpose in this little item to reflect on any class of decent business men. We need the business men, we need the markets, and we need the clearing houses for the goods we buy, and any reasonable farmer is willing to pay a reasonable profit for the goods he has to buy, but under the conditions that now exist how can he buy?

Men in other lines of business take a pride in their business. They figure they have nice places of business, a decent business, a business that is an asset to the community, and that is all true. They are out for business, and rightfully should have it, but where is it to come from, when a larger per cent of the 2,098 families in Transylvania county are farmers, and have no money to spend, and never will have any until they can get a profit out of their products.

Now suppose the farmers were prosperous wouldn't all other classes be? If the farmer were prosperous the merchant would get by without his quarterly sales to meet his bills; the doctor would not have to charge his calls, the lawyer would get the cash for his counsel; the preacher would have something besides corn bread and pumpkins to subsist on; and the church pews would be packed with contented men, women and children; then we might rightfully talk about civilization, and so on, and so on.

Now again, we sometimes hear men say that it cost them so and so, for four or five years to equip themselves for their business, and that they have to charge a nice price for their service. This is all true enough, but who says anything about the farmer who has spent all his life trying under a load of difficulties to equip himself for business? How many do we hear say that the farmer also deserves a consideration too?

We have only mentioned corn in the above, but the same reasoning will apply to all other crops. Now what is going to be done about this deplorable condition? Are we going to have to go on as "Hewers of Wood and Drawers of Water?" Justice says no, unselfishness says no, common judgment says no, Christianity says no. Who knows the remedy—it is simple.

J. W. DICKSON
 Brevard, R.S.

Love resists competition, & gives all and demands all. Some old parents are about as welcome as some new babies.

CALVERT NEWS

(Continued from last week)

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Cunningham of Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cunningham of Enka were week-end guests of Mr. J. E. Hayes and daughter Mamie Hayes near Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Rud White of Calvert were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White of Besman.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cunningham and Mother, Mrs. B. L. Cunningham, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Whitmire Sunday.

Little Evyone Cassell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cassell, is very ill at her home near Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Morgan called on Mrs. Eli Huggins Sunday, the latter who has been very ill for some weeks at her home at Calvert, is slowly improving.

Mr. Buren Huggins was a visitor of his grand mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Huggins, Sunday night.

Miss Mamie Elizabeth Hayes of Calvert was guest of Miss Ruth Grant of Pickens, S. C. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemons Garren and Mr. R. H. Russell attended the singing convention at Brevard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Cunningham was dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Morgan Sunday.

Mrs. Eli Huggins who has been very ill for several weeks is improving under the attending physician Dr. Cunningham of Brevard, who is connected with the Lyday Memorial hospital.

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