

THE FAYETTEVILLE INDEX

Published Every Wednesday

A. M. MOORE, Editor and Owner

200 South Street

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES:

One year \$1.00

Six months \$0.50

Strictly In Advance

Entered at the post office at Fayetteville, N. C., as second-class mail matter.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you would send that little subscription that is due us and for which we have toiled and sweated for the past year wouldn't your conscience feel a little easier and your prayers be a little more effective? It is written "Pay what thou owest" and while the command may be obsolete with some folks it is still binding upon every honest man and woman and you should see that it is paid at once.

If you don't want the paper pay up and quit with consolation of knowing that you have kept the faith, as every honest man should.

No Paper Next Week.

Fourth Division of the Army has been sent to Fayetteville to take care of the necessities of the town and to assist in the reconstruction of the city.

The coal situation is good. Prices are down and the coal is being sold at a reasonable price. Men and a happy New Year and the great spirit that marks the new era of faith, grace and peace. And yours and grant that before another year has passed that the dreadful slaughter in Europe may have passed and that the angels may again sing "Peace on Earth and goodwill toward men."

Ruthless Extortion.

If the Fuel Administrator of this county or of the State have any power to fix prices for wood, it should be done immediately in the interest of fair play and to prevent the most ruthless extortion on the part of the wood peddlers trust.

It is not costing these fellows much more to deliver a load of wood in Fayetteville than it did ten years ago yet they are selling a load of wood that they would have gladly taken \$5.00 for at \$6.00 or just four times what it used to sell for.

It is known that there is no coal in the town and little wood and these fellows have taken advantage of these conditions to demand extortive prices. There is reason to believe that they have formed a kind of wood trust and fixed prices by agreement in violation of moral as well as statutory law. An other thing that they are practicing is to bring a load of wood near town, drive off half, stir up the balance so to make it appear to be a load, bring this up town and for 1.50 to 2.00 for a load or from 2.50 to 3.00 for two horse loads and when this is done they drive back and bring in the other half peddling it in the same way making up cost from 10.00 to 12.00 each load.

It doesn't make so much difference for the men who have plenty of money to burn and who could buy plenty of wood and coal at a reasonable price before paying for a small salary and with family to keep up it is outrageous.

Think of a man working for 1.50 with a family to feed, clothes, taxes, doctor bills and a thousand other things to pay. How is it to be done? His pitiful little \$1.00 will not buy the wood or coal needed to keep his family warm and yet there are fellows who operate a municipal wood yard who can beat a saint when it comes proclaiming their own self righteousness and what they have and are doing for the poor.

Gentlemen this is the time for practical suggestions and show-

ing faith by works instead of downright demagogic and attempting to vote making and the people should remember the men who have failed them in this crisis.

There are people in this town who are compelled to spend the day in bed for the want of fuel according to the statements of some of the leading physicians. What are you going to do about it?

Winter is here and conditions are likely to get worse instead of better and the chances are that not a few of the worthy poor will suffer but that many children and old people both white and black will go to their graves before spring for the want of fuel to keep them warm.

Gentlemen in the name of humanity and the God you adore it is time to get busy and see that something is done to relieve this frightful situation which is at your door. You can't escape the consequences by asking "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Wood not talk is needed.

The Fuel Situation

Several weeks ago the State took A legislator suggested the creation of municipal wood yards all over the probable market. This was known short of a week ago to cause an outcry in towns in the state and to the idea of cutting a large supply of wood while the grasshopper is fully continued to sin and in their time away in doing nothing. Fayetteville was one of these. In the midst of wood a large proportion of our people are without an adequate supply of wood or coal and money cannot buy it at any reasonable price.

Winter is here with practically no wood or coal in the wood yards and what little is bought here in wagons is selling at the rate of from ten to twelve dollars per cord. This means suffering for the poorer classes who haven't wood nor the money to buy it with at present prices.

If the authorities had gone about it at the right time wood could have been sold upon the market here for 75¢ a cord and the city not have lost anything while the authorities had the best chance of a lifetime to show that they were real beneactors and looking after the interest of all the people instead of merely staging their own praises to catch votes in future elections.

The city government has been weighed and found wanting in its failure to provide against a condition that any set of sagacious men would have seen and known was coming. It made a great mistake and whatever suffering and distress is caused by the lack of wood and coal is directly due to the inefficiency of the present government.

It was not a question of charity needed most of the people can pay for wood if they could get it at reasonable prices but the prevention of extortive wood prices that now exist.

If any body in this town believes that wood is being hauled here and carried back home for the want of buyers at reasonable prices let him go out and try to buy a load from one of the wood peddlers on the streets.

It is beyond comprehension why any person not in the wood and coal business would oppose the suggestion of the State Fuel Administrator which was made in ant time and for the interest of all the people and the least that can be said about it is that it is an inexorable failure to live up to the obligations set a reasonable prudent city government should have exercised.

Gen Gorgas reports some of the camps overgrown and men poorly clad; this ought not to exist and those responsible for this condition should get down and out.

It is announced that Gustav R. Meissner, accused for the murder of Mrs. Maude King at Concord may be tried for forgery at Chicago.

Officer Snobs.

We see by the papers, as Mr. Odell would say that some snobs have broken it to the ranks of the officers in the army. It is related that recently a lieutenant at Camp Greene, while a guest at a dance at the country club at Charlotte, refused to acknowledge an introduction to a private soldier. The private is of a good family and a member of the club and by that exhibition of fool snobbishness the lieutenant showed his lack of breeding and lost the respect of all privates and all civilians who may learn of the affair. Another instance is given of a Charlotte man who picked up an officer on his way from Camp Greene to Charlotte in his auto. On the way they overtook two privates who were walking into town. The civilian asked the privates to get in and ride also, and the officer got out, because, forsooth, he could not ride with privates. Other instances of snobbery are given. Civilians who want to add to the social pleasures of men in camp are embarrassed by refusal of officers to accept invitations to dine with privates. Rep. representative Miller of Washington state, just back from France, in a speech in the House of Congress Friday said that he had seen many cases of young men of all kinds, officers and boys of American birth doing other things than officers but as the lowest kind of servants.

Senator Overman has introduced and the Senate has passed a resolution calling upon Secretary of War Baker for information as to whether there are army rules which justify officers in refusing to recognize privates in a social way and which make it necessary for an officer to violate all rules of good breeding and be a snob, even though he may be naturally inclined to be a gentleman. It would seem that officers who are guilty of such snobbery should be court-martialed for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Every sensible person recognizes the fact that discipline must be maintained and all that, but an officer who imagines that it is necessary for him to be a snob in order to make privates know their place and hold him in proper awe and reverence is taking the surest way to earn the contempt of the men under him and so to undermine discipline. General Robt. E. Lee's men would have gone to certain death at his order cheerfully and unquestionably. Imagine that prince of soldiers and gentlemen being guilty of contemptible conduct like the instances cited above!

It is hardly to be wondered at perhaps, that in hastily training a large number of men as officers commissions should be issued to some men of this stripe, but it is to be hoped that Senator Overman's resolution will result in making short work of them. Officers of that stripe stand in need of whole some discipline. Their heads are sick. Lumberton Robesonian.

Someone said John Oates is a natural parliamentarian, or a post-master as a presiding officer. Whatever it was, the Democrat man agreed. It is a far cry from running rabbits in the Beaman field where the present thickly settled Beaman street extends or climbing Wake county bullace trees to presiding over the greatest representative body in the State. But this writer has seen John engaged in all these things. I believe that old gin, in the field on the right of Beaman street is the very old gin under which John, Edgar and I ran our rabbit that December day thirty-two years ago. Like Fleet Sessions' which was eating up the widow-woman's truck, we failed to get there, and a Sampson county rabbit is a hard fellow to catch anyway. —Sampson Democrat.

Real-Clothes



Now is the time when you will look for a nice suit of clothes or overcoat for your self or Boy for Christmas Or even New Year you must think of Xmas now as it is nearly here. We can assure you Real Goods at reasonable prices. Every thing New in our new Store--and New Goods arriving daily--We feature, Good Clothes, Good Shoes, Good Hats, and Good Furnishings

SHOP EARLY

SHOP AT THE QUALITY SHOP

Stein Bros.

The Big Store on the corner

T. R. STILL WANTS TO GIVE LaFOLLETTE TO GERMANY

Makes Three-Fold Plea for Loyalty in Speech at Camp Sherman.

Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O., Dec. 15.—Colonel Roosevelt took the officers of the 83rd division by storm this afternoon in an address in which he made a three-fold plea for unswerving loyalty to the flag for a speedy pushing through of the war to a complete overwhelming victory and for permanent preparedness.

"Professional pacifists," and "conscientious objectors" were scathingly arraigned by Colonel Roosevelt. He urged that Congress should pass a law providing for universal service.

"Since we want to do Germany as much harm as possible I should like to give her Senator LaFollette to be used in the Reichstag," he said.



These make up the usual Dutch lunch—but what will you serve to drink?

For years the host and hostess have been asking themselves that same question—especially whenever the occasion happens to be one of those cozy little after-theatre or "in-between-times" parties. Now, there is a ready answer—

Bevo

A BEVERAGE

This distinctively new creation in soft drinks is sparkling-snappy-delicious. It is healthful with the wholesomeness of the choicest cereals—appetizing with the bouquet and agreeable bitter tang which only choice hops can impart. It is sure to "hit the spot"—sure to encounter no prejudices.

Bevo—the all-year-round soft drink

BOTTLED BY THE ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, MO.

CAUTION: Do Not Heat.

You will find Bevo—

In every drug store, grocery, delicatessen, restaurant, hotel, and in all the leading places of public assembly.

Have the bottle opened in your presence, first seeing that the seal has not been broken, and that the crown top bears the firm.

Bevo is sold in bottles only—and is bottled exclusively by

ANHEUSER-BUSCH

ST. LOUIS

ISL

THE ARMFIELD CO.

Distributors

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

ISL