

The French Broad Hustler

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PREVAILING SENTIMENT UPON THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

The Bureau of Labor and Printing has just finished reviewing and editing many hundreds of letters which have recently been received at the department from the farmers, mechanics, manufacturers and editors of the State expressing their opinions upon the provisions of the present child labor law, the condition of wage earners and the subject of immigration.

The prevailing sentiment, says Mr. Shipman, the assistant commissioner, who made this review, is favorable to the law restricting child labor in the mills, as amended by the General Assembly of 1907, especially among the manufacturers who offered no opposition to the passage of the bill, which was introduced in the House by a representative mill man. A large number of the farmers, mechanics and editors express the belief that the age limit should have been placed at fourteen instead of twelve, with an educational qualification attached. There is a general demand for the enforcement of the law, as it is, and some suggestions to the effect that state and county officials are neglecting to co-operate in an effort to see that its provisions are respected. No special machinery has been provided for the purpose and this duty is, therefore, incumbent upon solicitors and grand juries.

A shortage is reported in all classes of labor and favorable conditions prevail among wage-earners generally. Wages have advanced materially in almost every pursuit and profession and many employers complain that they cannot afford to "pay the price." A considerable percentage of the farmers find difficulty in obtaining labor at any consideration and are resorting to the use of labor-saving machinery as the best and only solution of the problem. They say that since wages have advanced there is a noticeable disinclination to work regularly upon the part of the working classes, especially the colored population, which has fallen into the practice of working three or four days a week and "loafing" the remainder of the time. It is not believed that wage earners as a rule, are applying their earnings to any better advantage than they did under former conditions. This is especially true of the negro, who is inclined to leave the farm and congregate in the towns.

The subject of immigration is freely discussed and a large majority of these letters contain expressions favorable to the proposition of attracting desirable classes to our farms and factories. This matter is treated at length by every class reporting, and in an intelligent manner. Emphasis is placed upon the importance of excluding inferior races, whose presence among us might retard the progress of our people, or create dissatisfaction in the ranks of our native wage-earners. Favorable mention is frequently made of the English, Scotch, German, Swiss, Canadian and representatives of other nationalities of Celtic or Teutonic extraction, as acceptable classes for settlement here. A

goodly number take the position that there is an abundance of labor in the state and no "foreigners" are needed. The latter idea prevails more generally among the mechanics.

The consensus of opinion, which it is claimed exists in the state regarding child labor, the conditions of wage-earners and the question of immigration, as being set forth, appear to be a correct conclusion of the real situation indicated by visible evidence in every section of North Carolina. It fits the "situation" in this part of the country very conclusively. Our farmers, in particular, have, for some years past, experienced great difficulty in securing needed assistance, even at the advanced wage scale. The few negroes found in the county have flocked to Hendersonville and neighboring towns in hope of "falling into easy places." Their places must be supplied in some way and intelligent, industrious and peaceable classes from abroad will find profitable employment on the farm and in the trades. Little is known up here about child labor in the mills, as we have few manufacturing establishments, but nearly everybody adheres to the opinion that all children should be put in school until they have completed the common school course.

PARKER HITS BRYAN.

In a recent speech at Schenectady, New York, Hon. W. J. Bryan made the statement that while in congress he advocated a law to protect depositors from such conditions as prevailed in New York city last week, when a number of banking institutions closed their doors. Upon reading Mr. Bryan's statement Judge Alton B. Parker, former democratic candidate for President, felt impelled to give out this gratuitous fling regarding the same:

"How glorious it is to be a heaven-born financial genius. What a pity congress could not have appreciated the wonderful advantages of such a law. Had they appreciated it, we would not have needed yesterday the patriotism of J. Pierpont Morgan that prompted him to throw twenty-seven millions into the maelstrom at a critical moment; the 25,000,000 of the government, the ten million of Rockefeller and the money and strenuous labor of public spirited and honest bankers and business men, who strove mightily to save business generally, and therefore every citizen from ultimate injury.

"I am sorry that he did not mention the title of the bill. In the absence of the specifications there would be those who will think that its title may have been 16 to 1."

The voluntary contribution "to the gaiety of the situation" is entirely unworthy of the man we had thought Judge Parker to be. Of course Mr. Bryan will easily survive the attack just as he succeeded in receiving several hundred thousand more votes than Judge Parker for president. Furthermore, he can tell more about real matters of public import in one hour than Judge Parker ever knew.

Henderson county has been "coming in" for a good deal of free advertising since her people recently put themselves on record as favoring the great railroad scheme proposed for this section of North Carolina. The Hustler has also occupied a position at "top of column next to reading matter," in the newspapers of the tenth district and the state. We believe, over here, that a thing worth doing at all, is worth doing well and that "nothing succeeds like success." Thank you, neighbors, one and all.

The financial methods employed in New York were put to the test last week and but for the prompt relief extended by the United States Treasury, J. Pierpont Morgan and John D. Rockefeller serious trouble could not have been averted. But it would have "mattered" very little, as Wall Street needs a thorough cleaning any way. A large number of the smaller banking institutions have recently closed their doors and the end may not be yet.

The Dispatch reaches out a hand covered with red ink to the Hendersonville Hustler, and congratulates that red hot journal on the success on the bond issue for the proposed railroad. Red ink is what did it, but the Hustler ran a fearful risk of being set on fire.—Lexington Dispatch.

Thanks, beloved. The Hustler has the habit of taking "long chances" on bringing things to pass especially if the "end seems to justify the means." We want that new railroad and would not mind a right smart scorching to get it.

And now the public is informed that Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice-President of the United States, "has dropped out of the race" for the presidency next year. Says he is not a candidate "actively, tentatively or respectfully." The fact about the matter is that Mr. Fairbanks has never been in the "running" very seriously and those Roosevelt cocktails, served recently at his reception to the President, further contributed to his undoing.

Now lets turn our attention to the subject of good roads again, remembering the simple and valuable suggestions given to our people by Mr. Eldridge, of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, who recently made a tour of the tenth district with Congressman Crawford. Each road supervisor should paste those suggestions in his hat. There are ten of them, you know, the "Good Roads Commandments."

That is disappointing news from Mr. Rudolph Forster, "acting secretary to the President," who says: "The President does not countenance taking another hunting trip in the near future." This means that the Toxaway Bruin may feel secure for some time to come.

Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage deed executed to me on Oct. 22, 1906 by John W. Johnson to secure certain indebtedness therein specified, I will offer for sale at the court house door in Hendersonville on Nov. 25th 1907, within the legal hours of sale, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in order to satisfy said indebtedness, the following described piece or lot of land, lying and being in the town of Hendersonville, Henderson County, North Carolina, being all that lot of land described in a deed from Lila Ripley Barawell to J. L. Orr, dated Sept. 18th 1905 and duly recorded in Book 52 at page 482 of the records of deeds for Henderson County, containing one acre and 20 poles.

Default having been made by said John W. Johnson in the payment of said indebtedness as the same fell due, the whole amount of the same is declared due under the provisions of the said mortgage, and sale of said land will be made to satisfy the said indebtedness under the provisions of said mortgage. Oct. 28th 1907. J. L. ORR Mortgagee. Per McD. RAY Atty.

Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of the power contained in two mortgage deeds executed by E. R. Israel and wife, M. J. Israel, to McD. Ray, the one on Jan. 28th, 1905 and the other on Aug. 21st, 1905, and by the said McD. Ray duly assigned for value to me, I will offer for sale at public outcry at the court house door in Hendersonville, on the 4th day of November, 1907, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands, lying and being in the township of Mills River, in Henderson county, and in Avery's Creek township, Buncombe county, North Carolina, and known and designated as follows, viz:

Tract No. 1, being that tract upon which E. R. Israel now lives, lying and being on the west side of the French Broad river, in Mills River township, Henderson county, North Carolina, adjoining lands of P. J. Israel, Westley Ledbetter and W. R. Rickman, and more fully described in a deed from A. Q. Moore and wife to E. R. Israel, dated May 30th

1884, and recorded in Book 21, at page 221, of the records of deeds for Henderson county, containing 50 acres more or less, except 12 acres sold by E. R. Israel and wife to G. C. Lance, described in a deed recorded in Book 33 at page 528 of the records of Henderson county.

Tract No. 2, in Avery's Creek township, Buncombe county, North Carolina adjoining lands of S. B. Birch, O. W. Ledbetter, et al.

Beginning on a white oak on the west side of Barnay's branch, which is the Henderson and Buncombe county line, and runs northwest 80 poles to a white oak; thence south four poles to a black oak; thence S. W. 80 poles to a black oak; northwest 40 poles to a maple on the bank of Barnay's branch; thence east with the branch 40 poles to C. W. Ledbetter's corner; thence with said branch to the beginning, containing 30 acres, more or less.

Said sale is advertised and will be made in order to the collection of the debts secured by the said mortgages, default having been made in the payment thereof by said E. R. Israel at the time the same fell due and after demand for payment thereof has been made upon the said E. R. Israel. This October 5th, 1907. McD. RAY, Mortgagee, W. C. JORDAN, Assignee, per McD. RAY, Attorney.

Notice of Sale.

State of North Carolina
County of Henderson

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1906, by G. W. Hart and wife, T. V. Hart, to the Commercial Bank of Hendersonville, a corporation, and assigned to the First National Bank of Hendersonville, for the sum of \$184.00, to secure a certain note of even date, due in six months therefrom, with interest at 8 per cent payable semi-annually, the undersigned will offer for sale at the Court House door in Henderson County, on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1907, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, two tracts of land in Green River township, the first part being a part of Patent No. 250, on the waters of Shadwick's Creek of Green River, containing 100 acres more or less, and being the land conveyed to G. W. Hart by A. W. Hart, by deed recorded in Book 41, page 312 of the records of Henderson County, to which records reference is hereby made for full and particular description; and the second tract being that land known as the Pearson place, adjoining the lands of Alex. Mullenax, L. R. Capps, and others containing 35 acres, more or less, being that tract of land conveyed to G. W. Hart by Henry Pace by deed recorded in Book 55, page 456 of the records of deeds for Henderson County, to which records reference is hereby made for full and particular description.

This, the 12th day of October, A. D. 1907. The Commercial Bank of Hendersonville Mortgagee. The First National Bank of Hendersonville Assignee. SMITH & SCHENCK, Attorneys.

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