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READING TO THE MIND IS WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY

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## HUNTLEY STATES HIS CASE AGAIN

### Says Town Has Paid Too Much For Coal—Predicts Higher Tax Rate

To the Editor of Beaufort News:

Would appreciate your placing the following facts before the Taxpayers of this town.

First—I would like to say that I feel no ill will toward any individual in this matter. Circumstances have brought the cost of maintaining the town government to the point where nothing less than a decided increase in the tax rate can be expected, but this advance cannot continue indefinitely. Feeling that the Town should at least complete work now underway before undertaking new projects, and that the cost of the Town Government should not be allowed to advance at a time when every well organized business in the country is observing the strictest economy by cutting the cost of operation in every possible way, and that the Town Administration is not practicing economy that it should at this time, and that I am not able to cope with conditions, I am placing these facts before you that you may review them and give an expression of opinion in order that I may get out if I am on the wrong track, thereby allowing some one to replace me who will pull with the other officials, for I realize that it is my duty to carry out the wishes of the people. In order to do so it is necessary that they get my angle of conditions, that they may intelligently criticize.

It is true that the Electric Light Plant is operating at a loss. This is generally understood. The principle cause for this is the day current. Another loss and one that costs the Town several hundreds of dollars and also proved to be the reason for my first break with the Mayor was the price the Town was compelled to pay for coal last year. The 1921 coal contract as signed by the Commissioners carried a clause protecting the Town against a decline in market price on coal. The shippers refused to accept the contract containing this clause and the Commissioners refused to sign any other. For some reason unexplained at that time, coal continued to roll in at \$3.75 per ton, against a market considerably below this figure. As the Mayor did the buying of this item without advice at any time from the Board we were not familiar with his methods. But I immediately started an investigation of my own, with the result—to quote from letters from Eastern Coal and Export Corp.—“From these letters you will see that we declined to accept the provision inserted protecting the purchaser against decline in price and that the Mayor accepted the contract with the provision eliminated.”

I don't suppose that the other Commissioners received any more consideration in this deal than I did, but as they have not been directly connected they have not realized the seriousness of it.

The methods whereby the Mayor received his extended authority and advanced salary is also an example of high handedness and I might add “peanut politics.” On May 9th the Mayor got the signatures of the other commissioners to a paper putting him in general charge and agreeing to stand behind it at the next meeting. I have no idea that they suspected a “frame up”, anymore than I did when the Mayor sent word to me that I need not come to the last meeting, and I can imagine their indignation when they find that they have been “used” in a contemptible deal.

These are some of the reasons why I object to the Mayor receiving absolute authority. The increase in salary I object on legal grounds also because we have not \$1000.00 worth of work for him to do for the money with which to pay him.

People generally kick about high taxes when they pay them. Then it is too late. You have simply got to get behind the people who make the taxes and not allow them to create causes for higher taxes. You have been advised that there will only be an increase of 25 cents this year, but allow me to call your attention to the fact that the budget as proposed

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## COUNTY AGENT WILL HELP SELL WOOL

V. W. Lewis, with the State Division of Markets, has arranged for the sheep owners in Carteret county to sell their wool direct to the mills, provided 2000 pounds can be collected at some central point in the county, thereby justifying the buyers to come down and bid on same. Those wishing to market their wool should apply to the agent A. H. Harris, county agent Beaufort N. C., immediately, giving the number of pounds you have for sale, and he will furnish you with the full particulars.

## DEPUTY COLLECTOR RESIGNS.

Deputy Collector of Customs Albert I. Lewis has tendered his resignation of his position to Collector A. L. McGaskill of Wilmington and the same has been accepted. Captain Lewis desires to stop tomorrow but has consented to stay on for a few days until some one else can be appointed. The reason for the resignation is that the salary paid has been only \$40 a month and it is to be reduced to \$25 a month. Captain Lewis has other business affairs to look after and finds that the work of Collector takes more time than he can afford to give to it for the salary paid.

## SUPERIOR COURT ENDED.

The two weeks term of Superior Court for Carteret County was concluded last Saturday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. There were no jury trials since last week's issue of the News but a number of cases were settled by agreement and the necessary orders made by the Judge. Before leaving, Judge Cranmer directed Clerk of the Court Hassell to record an order that the men who recently pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition laws should be sent to the roads of Wayne, New Hanover, or any other county in the eastern judicial division of the State but in no event to be worked in Carteret county. At the present writing the men are still confined in the jail here.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Quite a crowd of our young people Deeds for the following have been recorded.

W. C. Hurley and wife to W. J. Hales lot in block 3 Morehead City, consideration, \$109.

Carrie and V. A. Bedworth to Mrs. H. K. Moore lot 15 block 72 in Morehead City, consideration, \$900.

W. D. Morton and wife to F. R. Crawford lot 10 block 152 in subdivision B Cape Lookout.

## MISS LAY AND MR. GREEN TO WED

Dr. and Mrs. Lay announce the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Atkinson

to Mr. Paul Elliott Green for Thursday, July 6th,

at 7 o'clock in the evening in St. Paul's Church.

No invitations are sent in Beaufort and all friends of the family are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

## BANANA SCHOONER PASSES.

The three masted schooner Aviator bound from a Cuban port to Norfolk with a cargo of bananas dropped anchor in Fort Macon channel early Tuesday morning. The vessel uses auxiliary engine and took on enough fuel oil to get her to Norfolk. She took the Inland Waterway route to Norfolk and was towed through the canal by the fishing boat Geo. D. Dalster. The captain of the Aviator could have sold a considerable part of his cargo in this vicinity but could not do so on account of the fact that he was not cleared for this port.

## ASBURY BEACH OPEN.

The work at Asbury Beach, which was delayed a little longer than expected, has been finished and the place is now ready for business. As stated elsewhere in this paper in an advertisement the new resort place will be used exclusively for white patronage.

## PRESENT MEMBERS TOBACCO GROWERS ARE RENOMINATED GET LARGE SUM

### Republican Primaries in Eight States Endorse Congress and Administration

WASHINGTON—Eight states have held primaries at which nominees for Congress were selected by all parties. In these primaries 92 Republicans members of the present House of Representatives were candidates for renomination on the Republican ticket. Of these 92, the vast majority were unopposed. Of those who were opposed in the primaries, only six were defeated—two in Illinois and four in Pennsylvania. Summed up, out of 92 Republican members of the present House of Representatives who have gone before the people of their record and the record of the Republican Congress 93.5 per cent have received that endorsement. The following is a detailed statement of the results in each state where a Republican primary has been held to date.

South Dakota: The entire Republican delegation in the present House, three in number, asked for, renomination and all secured renomination.

Illinois: 21 Republican members of the present House asked for renomination and 19 received renomination.

Indiana: 12 Republicans of the present House asked for renomination and all received renomination.

Pennsylvania: 29 Republicans of the present House asked for renomination and 25 received renomination.

Oregon: The solid Republican delegation of the present House, 3 in number, asked for renomination and all received renomination.

Iowa: 10 Republican members of the present House asked for renomination and all received renomination.

Maine: The solid Republican delegation four in number asked for renomination and all received renomination.

Minnesota: The solid Republican delegation, 10 in number asked for renomination and all received renomination.

The query naturally arises: if there were any widespread dissatisfaction with the record of the present House why does it not manifest itself? If this Congress were in fact the “do nothing” Congress that its Democratic critics represent it to be why don't people refuse to endorse its members? If the people of the country were as dissatisfied with the present administration as the Democratic leaders and publicity mediums claim they are, would not this dissatisfaction show itself at the polls when the present Republican members of the House of Representatives present themselves to the voters of their districts asking for an endorsement not only of their individual records but of the collective record of the Congress of which they are a member and of the record of the Republican party and administration to which they have given their undivided support?

Leaders of the movement from Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina will join the campaign which will mark the last opportunity for South Carolina farmers to market this year's crop with the giant cooperative.

The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association has now secured 206 warehouses where it will receive tobacco from its members as the market opens in three States.

Close to 80 per cent of the Tobacco farmers of Virginia have joined the Marketing Association, and North Carolina growers are nearing a 75 per cent sign-up following the recent statewide campaign for members.

A whirlwind campaign among tobacco farmers of South Carolina will begin next Monday, June 26th and will continue until every one of the 38 cooperative marketing points of the South Carolina belt has been reached with a mass meeting.

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## WHAT DOES A COUNTY AGENT DO?

1. Encourage community cooperation.
2. Promotes improved methods in crop production
3. Introduces more and better livestock.
4. Assists in the proper management of farm business.
5. Establishes “Boys Agricultural Clubs” for the improvement of corn, pig, poultry, etc., production.
6. Assists in marketing and distribution.
7. Aids in the control of hog cholera and other animal diseases.
8. Helps in the construction and arrangement of farm buildings, such as silos, barns, pig pastures, etc.
9. Aids in installing draining systems, terracing systems, water supply systems, etc.
10. Conducts farmers' meetings, short courses, and agricultural tours.
11. Gives aid to the woman county agent in her work.
12. Assists in the County and Community Fairs.
13. Forms breeders and other livestock organizations.
14. Plans system of crop rotation for improvement of the land and the even distribution of labor through the year.
15. He represents the Agricultural Extension Service, which is conducted jointly by the A. & E. College, and the State Department of Agriculture working in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture, and he can have the assistance of the experts in these institutions at any time it is needed.

## ENJOYED REUNION.

Confederate veterans N. L. Carrow and Samuel Thomas of Beaufort returned last Sunday from Richmond where they attended the big Confederate Reunion. There were 4000 veterans in attendance and thousands of other people. Mr. Carrow states that contrary to reports seen in some newspaper that he and others had a fine time. The Richmond people were very hospitable and did every thing they could to make the veterans comfortable and to have a good time. Mr. Carrow said it was the best reunion he has ever attended.

## BIDS FR ATLANTIC SCHOOL.

Bids for the construction of the Atlantic school house were entertained Wednesday by the County Board of Education and the Atlantic committee. None were accepted as the bids ranging from \$17,000 to \$22,000 were considered too high.

Atlantic some time ago voted a bond issue of \$6,000 for the school house and the county will add \$6,000 or more.

## LIQUOR CHASER HERE.

### The U. S. S. Larsen, one of the smallest of the regular submarine chasers, came into Beaufort Tuesday night and tied up at the county dock.

The Larsen, here to take on fuel is one of the navy's Prohibition ships and is on its way to Savannah, Ga. The submarine chasers have had to be idle for two years and the one here has only recently put to sea. Savannah will likely serve as her base of operations.

The sub chaser which is 110 feet long made the trip from Norfolk here through the inland waterway. It was aground twice.

Captain Larsen is in charge of the Larsen.

## BEAUFORT LOSES TWO GAMES.

Morehead defeated Beaufort in baseball Friday by a score of 6 to 1 and repeated the performance Saturday with a score of 7 to 1.

In the first game, played at Beaufort the batteries for the home team were, Jennette and Coward; for the visitors, Smith and Thornton.

The second game was played at Morehead City. Batteries for Beaufort were Warren and Potts and Coward; for Morehead City, Perry and Thornton.

The game scheduled to have been played at Brook's Park Tuesday was called off on account of rain.

Since the first defeat Beaufort has added three new players to her team, H. G. Baker, of Rocky Mount who played with Farmville last year come to play first base. W. R. Thorn of Rocky Mount and John Warner of Washington N. C., come as pitchers.

Fred Shipp has left the nine to go to his home in New Bern.

Beaufort and Morehead City will play this afternoon at Brook's Park. Thorn will probably pitch.

Arrangements are being made for a double header between the two on the fourth of July.

## METHODIST PICNIC HELD.

While frowning clouds cleared away and winds blew fair the Methodist picnic got under way Wednesday morning. All night the skies had leaked but the rain god had then well patched by ten o'clock and the day stayed fair.

Numerous motor boats and two barges fitted with seats carried the picnickers—two or three hundred in number to the beach.

The party arrived at the beach about eleven o'clock and marched across the narrow island to the pavilion.

Some strolled down the shore, some went in bathing and still others stayed in the pavilion.

Twelve thirty came an dthe hungry ones began to look longingly at the baskets of lunch. All but their good things together and soon the tables, covered with oil cloth, were loaded. Long it took to prepare the meal but quick it disappeared.

An hour afterwards and others were having a fine time in the surf.

It was almost five o'clock before everyone was ready to go home but it was nearly seven thirty before the two barges tied up at the Beaufort docks. The barges had been aground twice but all the same the picnic was a big success.

## REPUBLICANS BARRED.

Chairman P. M. Pearsall of the State Board of Elections has issued a letter addressed to Registrars and Judges of Election in which he instructs them not to allow Republicans to participate in the Democratic primaries Saturday. He says a Baptist might just as well vote for an Episcopal vestryman or a Catholic for a Methodist steward as for a Republican to take a hand in Democratic primary and therefore the Republicans must keep hands off.

The Chinese prefer a paper of much softer quality for their correspondence than that made for the use of Americans. This is because the Chinese write entirely with brush and ink. Wrapping paper of a soft, thin variety, light cream in color, is usually found in the better stationery shops, while the native shops sell a cheap brown paper.

Mr. George Freeman of Greensboro spent Saturday and Sunday at the Mansion House.

The shifting sands of the desert of Gobi are gradually burying large portions of the Great Wall of China.

## MAKING EFFORT TO AVERT STRIKE

### It is Possible That The Threatened Strike of 400,000 Railroad Men May Be Stopped

CHICAGO, June 28—Two possible means of averting the threatened rail strike of 400,000 shopmen suggested themselves to railroad circles tonight followed by what E. M. Jewell, head of the shop unions, termed the “last word” to the railroads in the union ultimatum sent to the Association of Railway Executives last night.

The executives, by coincidence, were scheduled to meet in Chicago tomorrow afternoon and local railroad executives, today said the shopmen's proposal of a truce pending further negotiations on wages and working conditions would undoubtedly receive attention.

President Jewell's telegram last night to T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the executives, left little leeway for avoiding the strike, it was felt by the railroad officials today.

Two Possible Loopholes

The certain rejection of the union proposal therefore left in the opinion of railroad men, but two possible loopholes to avoid issuance of the strike call.

One was that conference between the union leaders and the executives might be called tomorrow and if no agreement was reached a technical dispute might be announced, over which the railroad labor board, acting under authority of the transportation act, could take jurisdiction as it did in the Big Four brotherhoods' strike last year and act to prevent a walkout.

The other was that if the strike is called the board could also take jurisdiction under the act, on the ground that the strike would interrupt commerce, and order the men back to work.

Ben W. Hooper chairman of the board refused to comment on these two possibilities tonight. The action of the board in the threatened strike last October was interpreted as representing the board's position on the first possibility and since the board never had occasion to act in any strike of consequence the chairman declined to state what the federal body's interpretation of transportation act on that point would be.

Jewell Statement Today

Mr. Jewell, while refusing also to discuss the possibilities of a conference tomorrow with the railway executives, said “a statement” would be given out tomorrow afternoon, about the hour the executives go into session.

Among phases of the strike situation which received considerable attention tonight was the fact that but 19 roads are involved in the practice of contracting work to outside firms, one of the points on which the shopmen cast their strike vote. Among the 201 railroads themselves, there was said to be a decided split on the question of contracting and there was said to be some doubt as to whether the majority of the roads, which have refrained from contracting, would support the minority which has held contracting to be their legal right.

Chairman Cuyler and the heads of the larger roads of the country were to arrive in Chicago tomorrow morning for a meeting announced as a conference on contracts with the American Railway Express company. Numerous other subjects, however would be discussed it was said.

## MASONIC NOTES.

Franklin Lodge No. 109 A. F. & A. M. had their annual installation of officers at a special communication Monday night June 20th 1922. for the ensuing year. The following officers were installed: J. S. Whitehurst, W. M.; J. C. Rice, S. W.; W. R. Longest, J. W.; J. W. Chadwick, Treasurer, O. P. Moore Secretary, J. R. Jennette S. D., R. B. Wheatley, J. D., T. G. Willis Taylor, Eugene Dudley and L. C. Howland, Stewards. Afterwards refreshments were served to a good attendance of the membership and visiting brethren.

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