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Senator Borah, who would like mighty well to be President wonders if the farmers will take President Coolidge's bait as well as the trout seem to be doing. It might help the Senator's aspirations to find out exactly what sort of bait Mr. Coolidge uses when he is fishing for votes.

GEORGIA.

Georgians used to call their state, the "Empire State." They boasted that it led the South in all respects worth any thing. The city of Atlanta became famous for its boastings, which however were not altogether empty for Atlanta is a city of considerable parts. Now how the mighty are fallen. As revealed by headlines in the newspapers, Georgia's principal claim to glory nowadays consists in the lynching of a negro or the whipping by hooded hoodlums of some white man or woman. A few days ago a gang of cowardly ruffians took a woman, who is more than fifty years old, out in the dead of night, stripped her of her clothing and beat her nearly to death. They also beat her fifteen year old son because he tried to defend his mother. Many similar outrages have happened in the "Empire State" in the past year or so. Most of these disgraceful incidents, we believe, have occurred in two or three counties. The churches in Georgia ought to quit sending missionaries to Africa. They should send them to Toombs and Stephens counties.

A RAPIDLY GROWING BUSINESS.

In a recent issue of the News a correspondent of the paper of Wildwood stated that some two thousand baskets of beans had been shipped from that point. Besides this no doubt a good many cabbage and other kinds of truck were shipped. Other sections have been shipping good quantities of truck. The spring potato crop has just been marketed at good prices. In July early sweets will start moving and then in the fall and winter the late sweet potato crop, which is the biggest of all probably, will be in full swing. Carteret county's truck business is large and increasing steadily. For the proper development of the truck business in this county it seems to us that the thing most needful is a strong organization of all the growers in the county. Truck crops as a rule are perishable. They must be gathered and sold quickly. For this reason marketing these crops ought to be done in the most business like manner possible. Haphazard methods will not do. Co-operative methods of selling the crop are necessary and should add thousands of dollars to the truck growers receipts. Our leading truck men ought to give careful thought to this matter and formulate some sort of plan for perfecting an organization that will be virile and helpful.

ANTI-THIRD TERM LEAGUE FORMED.

An organization has been formed in New York which has for its object the prevention of the nomination of Mr. Coolidge for President next year. Literature along this line is being sent out to Republicans in all parts of the country and evidently the enterprise has some financial backing. The opposition to Mr. Coolidge's nomination is based on the ground that if elected again it would be a third term which is contrary to precedent. As a matter of fact he has never been nominated for President but once. He served out a part of President Harding's term but has had only one term of his own. It is rather early yet to form an opinion as to whether Mr. Coolidge will be renominated or not. There is no doubt about his having a very strong hold upon his party and should he decide to be a candidate next year he is pretty certain to be nominated. In the meantime he is taking his vacation and saying nothing about whether he is going to run again or not.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

In England, as in some other European countries, the telephone lines are operated by the government. Socialists who want the government of the United States to own all public utilities often point to English ownership of the telephone business as an example for us to follow. The trouble about this is that the example does not seem to be worth following.

The London Daily Mail in commenting on the latest annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company points out that for every one hundred people in the United States there are more than fourteen telephones while in England there are less than three to the hundred. The telephone is a private institution in the United States and as a rule the telephone companies give good service. Here

the telephone is considered a necessity while in England they seem to regard it as a luxury. The Daily Mail says that there are twice as many telephones in the United States as in all Europe although Europe has four times as many people. The Mail thinks it is time for the government to get out of the telephone business.

NEW COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW.

The News has received a copy of the acts adopted by the recent session of the General Assembly for the improvement of county government. We assume that every newspaper in North Carolina has been favored with one of these documents. There should have been a clause in the acts requiring every editor in the State to read the new law and to make some comment upon it. As the matter stands we fear a good many editors will not read and will refrain from saying anything about the acts.

The new county government acts were framed by a commission appointed by Governor McLean and headed by Dr. E. C. Brooks, who is a well known educator and a man who has given much study to county problems. The commission's work has resulted in the making of laws that should be a great help to county government, an institution that badly needs help in many counties. The new county law is not perfect but it is a great improvement over what we had before and has a number of excellent features in it. We shall not attempt to discuss all of the acts pertaining to county government in North Carolina that the legislature adopted but will refer briefly to two or three of them. Persons who are much interested in the matter ought to write to the Secretary of State and ask for a copy of the document called "County Government Law."

Every county in North Carolina is now required by law to have a person known as "county accountant." In counties that have auditors, they, the auditors, shall act as accountants. The accountant's job, in brief is to keep a record of all money received and paid out. He also must require every official or department of the county or its subdivisions to keep a record of all that they receive or disburse and he shall examine at least once a month the books and other records of all persons who are handling county funds, including road commissions and boards of education. It is his duty to require all officers and employees in the county who collect fines and penalties to make reports once a month. He must make a complete statement of the county's financial condition once a year to the board, or oftener if so directed by the board. The accountant is required to get up a "Budget Estimate" and submit it to the board not later than the first Monday in July. A copy of this budget must be furnished to each newspaper published in the county and must be published in at least one of them. He also must submit a supplemental budget as soon after the first Monday as practicable. He is also required to publish once a year a statement showing the county's financial condition and giving other information. The accountant has to give a bond of not less than \$5000 for the faithful performance of his duties.

Under the new law considerable restrictions are thrown around the issuance of bonds or notes by boards of county commissioners. In the first place a sworn statement of debts shall be filed and be open to public inspection before authorization of a bond issue. A day must be fixed for a public hearing on the bond matter and the same shall be published. All bonds shall be sold upon sealed bids and after due advertisement in newspapers. This breaks up the practice of selling bonds at private sale as has been done by the board of commissioners of Carteret county more than once. The board is required to levy and collect sufficient taxes to pay interest and principal of all bonds issued, which is a good feature also. Short time notes may be issued under some circumstances but they must be advertised in a county newspaper before they are sold.

Under the new law a county board may, if it chooses, appoint a county manager, who may be the chairman of the board, or some other person. Craven county's board recently appointed the chairman county manager and it may be that some other counties have adopted this plan. The new method of collecting taxes is a part of the new law and is now in force. Taxpayers have had some experience with it and therefore know something about how it works.

As we said at the outset the new county law has some excellent features in it. It takes more than law though to make good government. No law is worth anything unless carried out properly. The responsibility rests first upon the men who are in charge of affairs to obey the laws themselves and then see that all others do. Finally the responsibility lies upon the people to see that those whom they have elected to office discharge their duties as their oaths require them to do.

Press Gleanings

THERE WERE REAL PRESS AGENTS IN DOCTOR BLACKNALL'S HEYDEY

Referring to the opening of the seaside resort publicity season, with its revival of the headless ghost of Blackbeard at Nag's head, the Charlotte Observer digs back in the past to recall the stunt pulled by Dr. Blacknall at Morehead City—a story that, as we remember it, made a column on the first page of the New York Herald, then the press agent's seventh heaven. The Observer refers briefly to the "circumstance of the bunch of toy balloons that caught up a child and sailed away with it, finally landing in safety on the beach a couple of miles away."

We hesitate to refresh such a memory as that of Colonel Wade Harris, but he was referring to a loved

genius who was for many years a citizen of Raleigh, who would have scorned to stop at such a tame invention as that outlined. In the story the good Doctor Blacknall put in and pulled out all the stops and constructed his settings with the care of an artist. There was the Italian balloon vender and his great bunch of colored spheres; the little girl and her Papa, and her demand for one of the toys: the tender of a bill and the vender's unthinking act of looping the whole bunch to the tiny wrist, while he dug for change. Horrors! Up go the balloons with the precious freight, headed straight for the bar, to the open sea! Mama comes on the scene in time to wring anguished hands. All gaze helplessly air and seaward. But hold! At this famed resort Captain Bogardus, the champion rifle shot, happens to be a guest. He has his rifle with him. He brushes his brow in thought, for but a moment. He leaps into the Emma Murchison, fastest of sharpies, sails set for voyage. Her Captain comprehends. As he casts off, Captain Bogardus' rifle barks at the now far distant balloons. Bang! Bang! As many bangs as you like. Apparently nothing happens. More bangs! The crowd has grasped the sharpshooter's intention, but it is despairing and afraid. Suppose his bullet strikes the little girl. More bangs as the sharpie heels over in the breeze. Look! The balloons are fewer. The bunch is coming down. The sharpie gains in the race. More slowly the balloons descend. Less rapidly the famous expert fires. Closer and closer comes the boat. Finally, Bogardus ceases firing. Another peril. The child will drown! But no! With magnificent seamanship and judgment Captain Tene Piner (the elder) luffs at precisely the right moment. At the instant the little shoes are going to touch the wave, young Tene, the mate stretches over the bow—and she is saved!

Did they eat it up? In twenty languages and around the wide world, so that before it was over Captain Bogardus, whose speciality was a shot-gun, almost believed the story himself. And the date-line always was the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City!—(Raleigh Times).

Letters From Our Readers

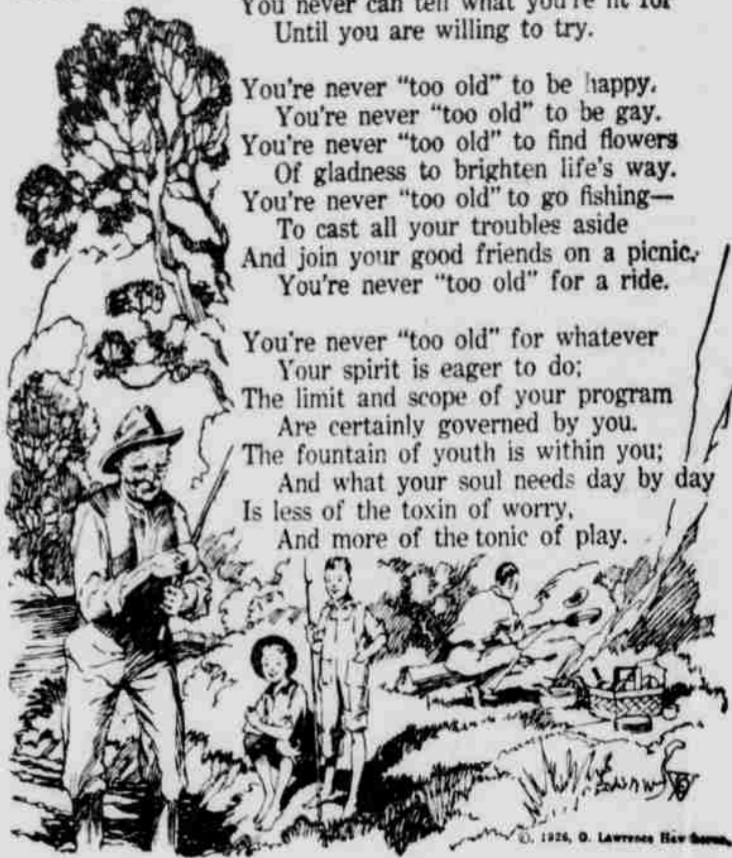
NOT A FLORIDA 'GATOR.

Editor Beaufort News: I note in your enclosed clipping that Florida is given credit for our latest alligator.

If there is one thing distinctive about the North Carolina State Museum it is that it confines itself to ex-

You're Never "Too Old"

O. Lawrence Hawthorne



You say you're "too old"? Well, forget it! You're always as young as you feel. Forget all your aches and your ailments! Don't let Old Man Lazyleg steal Your share of the fun folks are having Who keep themselves active and spry. You never can tell what you're fit for Until you are willing to try.

You're never "too old" to be happy. You're never "too old" to be gay. You're never "too old" to find flowers Of gladness to brighten life's way. You're never "too old" to go fishing— To cast all your troubles aside And join your good friends on a picnic. You're never "too old" for a ride.

You're never "too old" for whatever Your spirit is eager to do; The limit and scope of your program Are certainly governed by you. The fountain of youth is within you; And what your soul needs day by day Is less of the toxin of worry, And more of the tonic of play.

hibits of Natural History and Natural Resources of North Carolina and does not show either from other territory. Also it is a State Museum in the sense that it is supported and managed by North Carolinians. How well we succeed is indicated by the fact that we had 128,000 visitors last year, mostly North Carolinians. The particular alligator came from New River near Jacksonville, N. C. Yours very truly, HARRY T. DAVIS, Curator of Geology, State Museum, Raleigh, N. C.

HOSPITAL QUESTION DISCUSSED

Editor of The News: I see that the News invites the readers that want to give some discussion on the county hospital for or against it wants them to feel welcome to do so.

Now my readers I am going to tell you all my opinion. I think the county had better let the voters know what the value of this county is and also the affairs and the public would

like to know what the county debt is at this moment. How much the interest is on the debt per annum, what the county's total expenses are going to be as near as it is possible to tell, what the tax rate will be and any information about the county's affairs that it can give to the voters of the county. This information is a fundamental necessity, for the formation of an intelligent opinion on about the proposed hospital bond issue or any other increase in the county's indebtedness. In short the question is—Can the county afford it? Hospitals may be needed but I am going to express my opinion about this. I think that if the county has a ty body in this county that can't pay their hospital bill the county can send them to Morehead City hospital for treatment and pay their bill for a great deal less than they can build and equip a county hospital. Now that is my opinion.

It has been said that it would be better to leave off two or three miles (Continued on next page)

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