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A new exchange added to our list this week is The Waynesville Mountaineer. Thomas M. Seawell formerly associate editor of the Fayetteville Observer is the editor of the Mountaineer. If the copy of the paper received by us is a fair sample then we say hesitantly that Mr. Seawell and his associates are going to give the people of Haywood county a mighty good newspaper.

### DECLINE IN VOTE PREDICTED

Charles A. Hines, campaign manager for Senator Simmons, predicts that the total vote in the primary for the two candidates will run from 250,000 to 300,000. He thinks Senator Simmons will get a safe majority of the votes polled. If Mr. Hines' figures prove to be correct this will be a considerable decline from the Democratic vote of 1928. Mr. Hines explains this by saying that the interest will not be so great because this is an off year in politics that is no President is being elected.

It is true that the vote in "off" years is usually smaller than it is at Presidential elections. We had thought though that the interest in the Senatorial contest would bring out a full sized vote. The politicians certainly seem to be as much interested as they ever are but we do not know whether the masses of the voters feel that way or not. They are not saying much now but as the campaign progresses interest will naturally increase and it may be that a big vote will be polled. The Democratic vote in 1928 was the largest ever polled. Governor Gardner received 362,000 votes.

### DISEASE KILLS OYSTERS IN VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND

An article in a recent issue of the Gloucester, Va., Gazette told of the loss of more than a half million bushels of oysters from some disease or other. The beds so affected are in Mobjack Bay and other areas north of the James River. It is thought the disease which is killing off the oysters is due to some pollution of the water. U. S. Bureau of Fisheries men are investigating the matter.

The Gazette says that State Commissioner of Fisheries Harry R. Houston says that the loss in oysters might go to a million dollars in value. He described it as "the greatest blow the seafood industry has ever received." Colonel Houston stated that he had been informed that practically all of the oysters in Chesapeake Bay above Willoughby Spit, Mobjack Bay, and York, Rappahannock and Piankintank rivers are dead. If these reports be true the oyster industry of Virginia and Maryland has suffered a great disaster. It is undoubtedly true that oysters are very scarce in that section and this accounts for the large demand for North Carolina oysters this season. This demand will not be any less next season and in fact may be even greater. In this fact there lies the danger of having our own oyster bottoms stripped and this injuring the industry in this State. Some precautions should be taken to guard against such a danger as this. We regret the misfortune which has come upon our neighbors to the north of us. We must be careful to protect our own interests because the oyster industry in North Carolina is capable of being developed to one of large and valuable proportions.

### MACAULAY'S PREDICTION NOT YET FULFILLED

In the year 1857 the famous English essayist and historian Thomas B. Macaulay, wrote a letter to an American friend in which he made the prediction that the United States government would meet with serious troubles, if not absolute disasters, in the twentieth century. He based his prophecy on the fact that in the United States the government came from below and not from the top. That instead of a small, highly competent class being in control that the people themselves were running the country. He said "I have long since been convinced that institutions purely democratic must, sooner or later, destroy liberty or civilization, or both." He said that our constitution was "all sail and no anchor." Mr. Macaulay predicted that when a large increase in the population had occurred and when millions of people were making no more than a simple living, and some not doing that well, that trouble would occur. The poor would envy the rich and encouraged by demagogues, would destroy the government.

The Macaulay prophecy made more than seventy years ago, has not been fulfilled but enough has happened to show that there was considerable truth in what he said. Instead of a population engaged mainly in agriculture the United States has a vast number of people working in factories, mines and at trades of all sorts. From time to time groups of these workers become dissatisfied for some reason or other and strikes and troubles occur. Injury to life and property has follow-

ed sometimes. The factory owner and factory workers have each blamed the other and neither has shown much disposition to accept any compromise. Finally after bitter struggles, in which both sides to the dispute have lost, some kind of an agreement is patched up. These labor troubles have given the people called communists a chance to spread their doctrines. They have met with some success but not enough to fulfill Macaulay's prophecy. If they could get a majority of the people to adopt their views the government would soon be overthrown, private property would be confiscated and anarchy would reign, as it did in France until Napoleon stepped forward and brought order out of chaos. Mussolini, adopting Napoleonic tactics, soon put an end to a threat of communism in Italy. Communism was successful in getting control of Hungary for a while but has since been overthrown. It has lifted its ugly head in Germany but the people there have too much practical sense to be entangled in such a net.

Socialism has made considerable progress in England and in France and in fact in many other countries. In the United States the socialists and their more radical brethren the communists have considerable strength but only rarely have they been able to elect any one to public office. They have succeeded in fomenting a good many labor troubles and they are still engaged in this plan of campaign for the purpose of drawing recruits to their ranks. Fortunately there is a bitter feeling between the labor unions and the communists. The labor leaders have too much sense to ally themselves with an aggregation whose purpose is to destroy and not to build. Labor thrives best when capital is profitably employed. It seems therefore that Mr. Macaulay if he were living today, would be surprised to note that radicalism has made more progress in some of the monarchical countries of Europe than in the great American republic.

## Press Gleanings

### OUTGROWN IT

A certain mother caught shedding furtive tears confessed it was just that she knew she didn't have a little boy any more. Her youngest son brushes his teeth without her telling him to do so—Columbia State.

### NO MIRACLE

That German plumber who made gold out of a piece of lead pipe is really performing nothing new—Savannah Press.

### STOLE DEAD MAN'S BACON

"Monday night, while the body of George Gardner was lying at his home west of town awaiting burial, some thief entered the mokehouse nearby and carried off all the bacon belonging to the family. From there the thief proceeded to the home of Mrs. Fuller Sams and stole all her chickens. And yet some people say there ought not to be a hell."—(Burnsville Eagle.)

### GOOD NEWS

The president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia says the price of farm lands in the South Atlantic State will rapidly rise within the next few months.

Of course, nothing but community prosperity can increase the price of farm land, but if the prediction is right, then we are to have better times. And doubtless the prediction is true because our people are beginning to see that most investments made during the past decade have been practically wasted. If only a portion of the money spent from 1920 to 1930 had been put in land, the investors would now have something and the price of land would never have reached the low level.

In 1919 when everybody wanted land, the price soared and in 1929 when everybody wanted stocks, the prices there went too high.

If we are to have good business conditions, our trading must be diversified—not all in land one year and all in stocks the next year, for it is like diversified farming. If farmers plant all wheat one year and all corn the next, their action would break them all.

Land prices will come back, for isn't land still the base of our wealth?—(Williamston Enterprise).

### DEMOCRACY HAS A VIRILE FOE

The personnel and the proceedings of the Republican State Convention held in Charlotte yesterday, along with evidences of compactness and power of party organization, made a deep impression upon at least some loyal and life-long Democrats who were interested spectators on the side lines.

One old-line Democrat, and he happens to be an ardent supporter of Mr. Bailey as he was of Governor Smith, told The Observer that he believed it was the finest Republican State Convention ever held in North Carolina. He had taken the trouble to mix incognito among the delegates in the hotel lobbies on the eve of the convention and to go to the convention hall and observe at least a part of the proceedings, and he was very much impressed by what he described as the high tone of the personnel and demeanor of the delegations, the apparent seriousness that was written upon their faces and the evidences of a virile and efficient party organization.

This Democrat was prompt to express himself as convinced that the Democratic party in North Carolina needs to do all in its power to bring about a condition of harmony and peace within the party to the end that it will be able to continue to cope successfully with its ancient foe. The Democratic party, he was convinced, has a foe to reckon with that it did not face in former years.

The convention, true to forecasts, turned out to be one of the largest ever held in the State, and made a fine impression by the business-like character of its proceedings and the lack of evidences of strife and bitterness. Even in the election of the new State chairman, Mr. J. S. Duncan, who received a very decisive majority of the votes on the first ballot, there was little evidence of bitterness, even though that was the issue that was expected to bring about the greatest division in the ranks, if there was to be division.—(Charlotte Observer.)

## Letters From Our Readers

### MR. McCAIN WRITES AGAIN

Editor of the Beaufort News:

I haven't asked any space in your paper lately but I want some today. I hear that politics in Newport is getting right hot. I see there are three candidates out for sheriff in the Democratic party now, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. Raymond Ball and Mr. Chadwick. I suppose they are all pretty nice men. Mr. Bell is a personal friend of mine but not political ly. He is a Democrat and I am a Republican as you all know but I believe that if I were running for an office in Carteret County I had rather have the three men that are working for him in Newport against me than for me, that Mr. W. D. Allen, Mr. Cyrus Lilly and Mr. Jeff Garner.

Now it seems to me that Mr. Bell has made a big mistake. Such men out for him you know that Mr. Bell represented this county a few years ago and there were two sides for him to work for one was for bonds and the other against bonds. He would get with one side and he would say yes I am going my best to get them through and he would get with the other side and say am going to do my best not to let them through, but you saw that the worked the hardest for the side in favor of the bonds and passed them. Just to please some of his pets in both parties. Now I am not in favor of any more.

Now I want to say something about my party that is now in. We have got one of the best sheriffs that we have ever had in this county. He is a perfectly sober man. He says he never knew the taste of liquor but some of the rest that are running can't say that and I hope that the good women of this county will go to the polls in June and consider what they are doing and then ballot in favor of Mr. J. H. Davis and look out for our present board of commissioners. You know what will happen if they are defeated.

Now my dear friends I have written the truth and nothing but the truth if you will come up around Newport and you will find things just like I say. Now I want to mention something about the state taking over the roads. I don't hear anything more said than what Mr. Wheatly wrote Mr. M. S. Lee have dropped and nothing said about it. Now Mr. Wheatly wouldn't go before the board like he ought to. He wrote to Mr. Lee just because he was a Democrat so I believe it has turned to nothing but a bluff. Now my readers I would like to see you all but I am not able to get out. I am sitting up in my bed with a broken leg and arm to do this writing. A letter for my friends to read and I want you all to heed to what I say this is from your best friend for what is right.

E. L. McCAIN.

Newport, N. C.

## RAIN

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
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It is raining as I write this—a gentle rain that sinks into the ground and disappears as it falls. Nothing else is so restful as a rain; nothing so quieting to the nerves. I should not like to live in a place where it does not rain regularly. I have just been reading an article in praise of the climate of California.

"Picture to yourself" it says, "what a difference is made in your habits, your moods, your whole adjustment to life, when you know that for at least four months of the year—June to October—no rain will fall."

I have the picture. Dust in the air, hillsides brown and sear; vegetation everywhere drying up excepting as some one stands with a hose in his hands and sprinkles the lawn and the flower beds. A hot sun beating down upon one and no hope of rain for four months to cool off the atmosphere; grass, and shrubs, and flowers burned brown and dead excepting where some faithful hand gives them regular attention! A dry wind blowing the yellow dust into one's eyes! It makes no appeal to me. I like variety; I like the soft mist against my face; I like to hear the drops beating upon the roof or against the window panes; I thoroughly enjoy rain, and some way, in spite of the absence of rubbers and rain coats and umbrellas, I seldom seem to get wet.

Nothing artificial can ever refresh the vegetable world as a good rain does. The air smells better, tastes better, and seems to penetrate more deeply into the lungs after a rain. I can work with more enthusiasm, with more concentration and with more energy during a rain. When the rain is falling outside it gives opportunity to finish the uncompleted task; to settle down to something that has been

## Sights We Hope to See



DIGNIFIED BANK PRESIDENT PUTTING THE BABY TO BED

wanting for attention for days or weeks.

When I was a boy on the farm a rainy day was a period to be looked forward to. Before the hard work of farm life had fastened itself upon me, a rainy day was a play day. We cut all sorts of capers in the hay loft as the rain pattered down upon the roof above us; or we went fishing. It was thought that the fish would bite more ravenously upon a rainy day. It may have been, at any way it was rare sport to sit upon the bank of the creek all huddled up and watch the corks on our fishing lines bobbing up and down.

I have always liked to read, and as I look back upon the years that have passed it seems to me that much of the reading that I have done since the time I was ten years old has been done while the rain was coming down outside and other tasks for the time being set aside.

No! I like sunshine and I take pleasure in clear weather, but I don't want to live where it doesn't rain. Absence of rain would take away half the pleasure of life.

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### NEW BERN'S POPULATION SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE

(Sun Journal)

New Bern's population in 1930, as recorded by the enumerators in the fifteenth United States census is 11,915. This total is of April 1, 1930, and compares with 12,198 recorded on January 1, 1920, when the last Federal census was taken.

Announcement of the 1930 figures was made this morning by Capt. D. P. Henry, supervisor of the census for this district. The 1930 figures Captain Henry says, are preliminary and are subject to correction. It is thought, however, that the count is accurate and that no change will be made by a more careful study of the census reports.

As recorded, this city has lost 283 persons in the past ten years. Those familiar with the history of the city, it is said, were expecting and a greater federation than that and are agreeably surprised. The loss is thought to be largely that of colored population, and is accounted for by large numbers of colored people leaving this city following the fire which

destroyed a section of negro residences several years ago.

The official count within the city limits includes Ghent, de Graffenried Park, Sunnyside, Bridgeton and James City are not within the city limits, and hence their populations are not included in the county of 11-915 persons recorded for New Bern. There has, too, been considerable growth in those sections to which this city has contributed. They lie adjoining the city and their populations not yet recorded are served by New Bern stores and business houses and newspapers.

India plans to devote its revenue from gasoline duty to road development.

Denmark's bicycle craze is growing.

### Inherits \$50,000,000



Mrs. Isadora Rivadignia, young Cuban widow and mother of five children, who has inherited \$50,000,000 from the estate of her late maternal grandaunt, the Countess Santa Cruz Montes of Santa Valencia. She has been earning a salary of eighteen dollars a week making cigars in New York. Now all will be changed to overwhelming luxury. The senora and her family sailed for Havana, where she was summoned to collect the huge fortune.

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