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European nations say that if we will just forgive them their debts every thing will be lovely. No doubt it would be very nice for them. There are lots of folks in this country who would like to have their debts marked off too.

The twentieth amendment which was adopted last week, when the thirty sixth state Missouri, ratified it, is probably one of the best ever made to the Federal constitution. Hereafter Congress will convene on the third of January after an election and the President will be inaugurated on the twentieth. This does away with the long wait between elections and change of administration.

WHEN PROSPERITY RETURNS

Whenever prosperity begins to shine upon the land again, as it undoubtedly will do, Carteret county will recover about as soon as any part of the country. The reason we believe this is because our people are not dependent upon one or two staple crops like cotton and tobacco, or upon some industry like coal mining or some sort of manufacturing. We have truck farming, some staple crops, fishing, lumbering and a considerable summer and winter resort business. We are apt to be hitting on one or two of these cylinders most any time and when they all get going we will make time sure enough.

THE JUDGES ARE WILLING

The Supreme and Superior Court judges have volunteered to take a cut in their salaries for which we suppose the taxpayers are duly grateful. While the amount thus saved does not amount to a very large sum, some \$25,000 we believe, yet added to the other reductions that have been made it will help considerably. The people are very much in earnest in their demands that state and county expenses be reduced as that is the only way to lower taxes. Salaries of officials are only a part of the cost of government it is true but they constitute a considerable part of it. Any way it will be easy enough to raise salaries when we all think we are rich again.

TAR HEELS GOOD VOTERS

The returns for the election of last November show that North Carolina leads the South in votes according to population. Texas, the giant of the South, alone polled more votes. The total vote polled for President in that state was 821,657 while in North Carolina, with a much smaller population, 706,340 were polled. North Carolina led the South with 208,344 for President Hoover and Tennessee came second with 126,806 for Mr. Hoover. In no other Southern state did he get as many as 100,000 votes. South Carolina gave 1978 votes to Mr. Hoover and only 102,347 to Mr. Roosevelt. Virginia's total vote was less than half of North Carolina's and Georgia's was even less than Virginia's. It appears in fact that there are several millions of people in the South who never vote at all.

CURRENCY INFLATION SETBACK

Various plans of currency inflation have been tried out in the present Congress and more will come to the front in the next one no doubt. One of them received a set back on Tuesday of last week when Senator Wheeler's revamped free coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one was defeated and another by Senator Long of Louisiana to issue certificates based on silver bullion also met defeat. The bills were defeated by a vote of fifty six to eighteen. Senator "Our Bob" Reynolds of North Carolina trailed along with his old friend "Kingfish" Long. Senator Bailey voted with the majority.

DELINQUENTS OUGHT TO PAY SOME

The Hendersonville Times-News says that a good many tears are shed over the delinquent taxpayer but not much is said about those who have paid their taxes and thereby kept the State, county and town governments going. Some who have paid their taxes have done so at a great sacrifice and they are certainly entitled to some consideration. Some people have even borrowed money to pay their taxes and are now paying interest on these loans. The expenses of government are being met by those who have paid their taxes and not by the delinquents. Probably a good many of the delinquents have nothing to pay with but many of them have spent money for other purposes, which they need not have done, and have let the taxes go. It is time now for all who can do it to pay their taxes in order that the various units of gov-

ernment may continue to function.

WILL KEEP THE PRIMARIES

As is generally the case there seems to be some sentiment in the General Assembly of North Carolina in favor of doing away with primary elections. It is not very likely that any bill of the sort will pass at this session or any session any time soon. The primary seems to be pretty firmly established in most of the states in spite of some defects in the system. The tendency seems to be to increase the power of the primaries rather than to weaken it. Many people are in favor of having candidates for President nominated by primaries. Primaries have already weakened the political parties and it may be that the latter will be abolished instead of the former.

THE FREE TRADE CURE-ALL

There has been a lot of talk in recent times, and there is some now though less since the election, about bringing back prosperity to the American people by letting in a lot of foreign farm and manufactured products. For our part we are unable to understand how our people can be benefitted by surrendering their home market, the best one in the world, to the products of Europe, Asia and other foreign countries where the wage scale and standard of living is much lower than in this country.

The fish scrap and oil business in Carteret county has suffered from competition with cheaply produced Japanese oil and scrap. Several of the factories have closed and the others are having a hard time to make both ends meet. Adequate duties on oil and scrap would soon put this business back on its feet. The Boston Transcript said not long ago that "Maine sardine factories have closed and the fishermen put up their boats. There was nothing else for them to do. Norway is taking the sardine business away from them with a sardine that is so cheap that Maine producers cannot hold the market. About two years ago Norway was exporting 280,000 cases of sardines to the United States and Maine was producing 1,200,00 cases; today these figures are reversed." Reports are that the Japanese have about ruined the salmon industry on the west coast of the United States with their low priced products and so it goes. And yet the free traders want to do away with what little protection we have.

Press Gleanings

ASH CAN DECORATORS

Of all the shortsighted things that otherwise legitimate merchants could engage in the circular is most reprehensible.

What do circulars do for a community compared with the constructive works of the newspaper, which develops readers who need to know about the city and nation for the future good of themselves and their children?

It is doubtful if merchants realize thoroughly what it means to them directly, to withhold support, moral and financial, from newspapers organized to spread news of their wares and their efforts.

A good newspaper is a city's best asset. The two dailies here stand at the top in the list of the country's great newspapers and they deserve the spirited co-operation of merchants and citizens.

Cheap methods make a cheap city that attract persons of a like caliber.

A newspaper always is advertising its city. Its citizens are largely responsible for the character of that advertising.

No single effort in any community calls for as constant and exacting service as that given by the newspaper publisher and his staff.

No neighborhood, city, state or country is safe or even comfortable without a live newspaper and no business must be maintained at so high a standard, no matter what the conditions of general business. In times of depression, or war, or of any period of distress we look first and all the time to our newspaper and we never are without some state or stress that calls for hourly reliable reporting.

The citizen may criticize the newspaper, but if the delivery boy is half an hour late he calls up the newspaper office to demand his copy.

What would a boom be without a newspaper? Nothing!

Or the work of reconstruction?

Or the handling of public charity?

The time comes in the experience of all communities when they seriously need their newspapers. It behooves us, therefore as a plain matter of protection, if not justice, that we strengthen and maintain this medium.

The newspaper is a record that you can depend upon, laying it aside for the moment if you are busy but finding it always on hand for study by each member of the family at any hour of the twenty-four.

Marvelous as is the radio, the newspaper is the only permanent way of getting a clean record of live things that must be studied and referred to as a guide.

Newspapers are maintained only by the expenditure of huge sums of money in the purchase of costly and intricate equipment, the employment of the best talent in the community and in helping to maintain the great press association, and other services, which spend millions of dollars annually to report for you, instantly and accurately, the world's important happenings.

The few cents you pay for a newspaper does not cover the cost of production; the income is bound to come from advertising and it gives the merchant the choicest audience there is.

"Dodgers" have been classed as the means of advertising of irresponsible men who wished to conduct "fire sales"—fly-by-night merchants of other days. Established firms never stooped to such methods and the use of this cheap avenue stamped the user as low in the business scale. The progressive, fair-minded merchant, wished to support fellow merchants or business men for the common good, as he himself wanted the co-operative good will of his fellow citizens. With the government, state and federal, working to

restore a unanimity of buying, cheap advertising methods, adopted to avoid a proper share of responsibility, only harm the real medium, the newspaper, and harm all.

Each man should stick to his own line. When any man goes outside his chosen work to take another's business his own business is bound to suffer, not only because of the lessening of thought to his main effort but because a wrong principle has been evoked.

"Play the game according to the rule and then nothing can go wrong."
"Don't be bootlegger. Bootlegging advertisers harm the community, cheapen the city."

A recent national advertising survey shows that 25 companies that increased their newspaper advertising budgets maintained their sales, as contrasted with 25 other firms which decreased newspaper advertising expenditures and suffered losses as a result.

Circulars do not help the reader in permanent ways. They only weaken the greatest public benefactors we have—the newspapers.

A Washington newspaper says: "Handbills are poor advertising media. They are very expensive considering the results they bring. They are unsightly and clutter up the streets and lawns. They are banned in many of the more progressive civic centers"—Contributed by Edgar T. Cutten to the Grand Rapids (Mich) Press.

Letters From Our Readers

TAX EQUALIZATION

Editor of The News:
It is very difficult to foresee, or expect relief from the inequalities that exist in our property valuations unless a different system of valuation is instituted, and placed into effect, different from that now employed.

We have noted buildings costing \$2,000.00 to construct in two different sections of our county, one valued on the tax books at \$2,000.00, the other at \$750.00, and its only reasonable to expect the only difference should be in the land upon which the building was constructed—for instance if one building was constructed upon a \$500. lot, then its full value would be \$2500.00, and in the other case, if the building was placed on a \$50.00 lot, its full value would be \$2050.00, the difference in the value being in the lot alone.

It is our contention that a piece of personal property costing \$1000.00, is worth exactly the same, whether its location is in North Carolina, or the Sahara Desert.

Why not institute a system of zoning?

For example, place Morehead City and Beaufort under Class A—Newport, Atlantic and towns of like size under class B, and other hamlets of less population under Class C and so on—Then place all property within ten miles of either Morehead or Beaufort city line, under Zone 1 from ten to twenty miles under Zone 2, from twenty to thirty miles under Zone 3 and so on, dropping the land values in accordance with the Zones, and then each Zone can be allotted its share of valuation, in accordance with its population, available farm and timber lands etc.

Appoint four men to cover the entire County, and make a personal investigation of each piece and parcel of land, condition of buildings, live stock and other personal property, which can then be assessed equitably and fair, as far as human nature can be expected, when sincerity is the keynote of endeavor.

As an example, these four appointments, can be chosen as follows:

Estimator for buildings.

Estimator for Farm and Timber Lands.

Estimator for Live Stock and Personal Property.

Estimator for Boats, fishing nets and equipment.

It can readily be seen that under this method, buildings and personal property, will be assessed equitably in all sections of the County, all things being equal, and give us a valuation, that should meet the approval of all fair minded men.

After the preliminary Zoning is completed, its perfectly permissible to instruct the Committee the approximate valuation of each Zoning District, but to insist upon a greater valuation from Zone B in the west against Zone B in the east will nullify the effectiveness of the plan, and re-act against the sincerity of its sponsors.

Sincerely,
R. S. TILDEN,

Newport, N. C.

WHY NOT SCRIP IN CARTERET COUNTY?

Editor of The News:

We read in the papers that in Cumberland County they have some sort of arrangement whereby people are paying their debts with county scrip which is circulating at par and being accepted by everyone to whom money is due, even in payment for taxes. It took a special act of the legislature to make this sort of arrangement legal but this act was passed and the scrip method of paying bills seems to be working admirably.

What Cumberland County has done could be done by other counties, it

seems. Why not? Since Carteret County does not have the money with which to pay the teachers the five and a half month's back pay long due them, nor does the County have the money to pay many other of its obligations, why not a form of scrip money? Just think how many obligations due one another right here in Carteret County could be wiped out with some such arrangement. Not only the teachers would be benefitted but everybody else who owes money could pay his debts in this county with scrip, and in most cases the greatest amount of indebtedness is to people in Carteret County.

People can sleep better when they know they have paid their debts, but as matters now stand mighty few people feel like the village blacksmith—that they can smile and look the world in the face, for they owe not any man. Most debts are not paid simply because the person owing such debts does not have the money to pay them. And when a person, as in the case of many teachers, has money already due him for work already done but cannot collect a penny of that money, what can he do "when the rent comes around," as the old saying goes? It is embarrassing to say the least to be continually receiving duns for money due somebody and not be able to pay any attention to such notices. And it is doubly embarrassing when some creditor puts a debt into the hands of some attorney to collect when the only reason the debt has not been paid is because the person who owes that debt simply cannot collect what

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MOREHEAD CITY ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Waldron Bailey and children returned home Friday night after an extended visit with Mrs. Bailey's parents in Oasing, N. Y.

Mrs. A. E. Kierstead of Mount Kisco, N. Y. is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Waldron Bailey, Sr., in Bogue Park.

Mrs. G. I. Moore and little son of Norfolk, Va., is spending some time here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Webb are spending the week at Harbor Island.

Mr. J. E. Grier who has been manager of Rose's Store here has been transferred to another store and Robert Kite is now the new manager here.

Mr. L. L. Morgan of Raleigh is conducting a study course in the Baptist church here this week.

To Hold Farmers' Meeting

Greenville, Jan. 31—There will be a county-wide meeting held for farmers and their wives at Simpson on February 1 at 10 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Denis Dupree, farm agent. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss farm plans.

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Every dollar spent with us between now and July 4th, 1933 will be a chance to win \$100 in gold. LOFTIN MOTOR COMPANY

How Doctors Treat Colds and Coughs

To break up a cold overnight and relieve the congestion that makes you cough, thousands of physicians are now recommending Calotabs, the nausealess calomel compound tablets that give you the effects of calomel and salts without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bedtime with a glass of sweet milk or water. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you wish,—no danger.

Calotabs are sold in 10c and 35c packages at drug stores. (Adv)

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Prompt Efficient Service

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GET AN ESTIMATE FROM ME BEFORE YOU HAVE YOUR WATCH WORK DONE

B. A. BELL

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Hello! everybody, have you seen our window? Watch it and save money and have the best.

St. Paul's School boys win again in Basket Ball, played five and won five. Good work boys.

Mr. Ed Martin will soon occupy the Clawson Store. It will look real good when completed.

We have the New Hi-Speed New Perfection Stove in the four burner @ \$27.50. It's a wow!

Friends do you need a quart of ready mixed paint? We have a special @ 55c qt. any color you wish.

Boys and girls watch our windows for the most thrilling event of your life. Get particulars at store.

Our new line of Kelvinators are now on display. Come in for free demonstration.

Mr. Car owner when you break your Key, remember we are locksmiths, make all kinds of Keys.

Paint now while everything is cheap, let us quote you on inside and outside paint before you buy.

Just received a shipment of Flash Lights to retail @ 29c complete, also a full stock of better lights.

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