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## AFTER THE TRUST.

A Correspondent Of  
Republican In Which the  
ken to Task For Not  
Farmer Some Relief.

It is not intended as a  
frustrate any person or party.  
But I was thinking over the situ-  
ation when I noticed an editorial  
in the Union Republican headed  
"The farmers and their tobacco  
crop." In which the writer says  
we farmers are "being discouraged  
in raising our only moneyed crop."  
In the whole two column edi-  
torial the writer does not offer us  
any plan of relief. He admits we  
are not getting a living price for  
our tobacco. We would ask our  
friend and adviser what remedy  
he has to offer? We are ready to  
accept anything that will better  
our condition, and get a living  
price for our tobacco. You say for  
us to "keep cool" and that content-  
ment is essential to success.  
Now if you can tell me how the  
downtrodden farmer that is hun-  
gry, ragged and in debt can be  
contented under these conditions,  
it is a problem we can't solve. And  
as to keeping "cool" we certainly  
do seem as forbearing as any set  
of people in the world. The  
writer says the principal difference  
in the price of the 1902 crop and  
1903 crop is the difference in qual-  
ity. I suppose he lost sight of the  
fact that the last half of the 1902  
crop brought no more than the  
present crop is bringing. We  
agree with you that it is not a  
good plan to quit the old planta-  
tion, desert our homes and go to  
the towns and cities as hirelings.  
But what is the difference, hire-  
lings in town or slaves in the  
country? Under the present  
condition we have to live scanty,  
go thinly clad to make a crop, and  
when it is sold there is nothing  
left but a balance due on our  
fertilizer mortgage.

Why is it that the cry goes out  
over-production, and glut when  
tobacco is low? Over-production,  
gluts nor inferior quality has  
affected the price of the manufac-  
tured article. While the price of  
leaf continually fluctuates with no  
justification except only to fill the  
coffers of millionaires at the ex-  
pense of the poor. The fluctuation  
in the price of cotton effects the  
price of the manufactured article,  
not so with tobacco.

Then our friend (pretended)  
gives us the following trust opiate  
to try to heal our pains and soothe  
our sorrows for another year.

Tobacco has sold low, but when  
it brings seven cents all round  
taking the entire crop as it is es-  
timated that it will bring this year  
on the Winston market, he says  
he don't see no cause for any rash  
action on the part of the farmers.

Now, our friend may know how  
to print a paper, and make tobacco  
on paper, but I think his cal-  
culations are based on estimations  
and not from experience. The  
farmer who raises tobacco at an  
average of six or seven cents has  
it to do at the expense of some  
other business, and at these prices  
where the average farmer foots up  
his expense account against his  
tobacco crop, he usually finds he  
can't make both ends meet. Yet  
the Trust says that my family and  
I can toil and swelter under the  
burning rays of the summer's  
sun at these prices. And the  
plutocratic press say amen and  
try to lead us on by telling us we  
should not be alarmed at these  
prices. If not, why not? Have  
you a remedy to offer? Will it  
be best for us to curtail our crops,

or to continue in the same old  
way? Now we would ask those  
who claim that tobacco can be  
raised at the present prices to  
give us an itemized statement of  
the cost of making and marketing  
about 100 pounds of tobacco, tak-  
ing it from the plantbed to the  
warehouse floor, after the ware-  
houseman releases his grip on  
it, taking the average crop as a  
basis. It is claimed the present  
crop will average only about seven.  
Now is this the net proceeds to  
the farmer, or is the average made  
before the warehouse charges  
come off? Treat us fair in this  
respect. Don't charge us up with  
what we don't get. This great  
octopus, the Trust is not surely  
crushing the life out of the  
farmers and the tobacco industry,  
but it is reaching out after the in-  
dependent manufacturer and the  
leaf dealers. It is the vampire  
that is sapping away the very stake  
and foundation of all occupations,  
farming, for without us the whole  
machine goes to pieces, and if it  
were possible they would rob us  
of the good God-given pure air  
and sunshine that floats over these  
Piedmont hills.

It is a known fact that at the be-  
ginning of the present tobacco year  
the managers of the Trust met in  
the town of Winston and agreed  
that we could stand lower prices,  
and accordingly put them down.  
Now was there any laudable reason  
for this? Only greed, we know  
the margin is double what it  
ought to be between the leaf and  
the plug. The only difference we  
see between this form of robbery  
and that of feudal times is we  
are robbed now according to law. It  
seems that money has got to be  
emperor and it seems to have  
the supreme power of governing,  
and our low markets bow to its  
demands regardless of right.

Now if there is anything in  
the wide wide world we can do to  
make a comfortable, and honest  
living and educate our children  
that this despoiler has not his  
grip on, we are anxious to know  
what it is.

Now my farmer friends, viewing  
the situation as I see it, do your  
own thinking, make all or as much  
as possible, your own supplies on  
the old farm, and then what tobacco  
you can, and in a few years you  
will see old North Carolina and  
Stokes county in a different shape  
financially than it is to-day.  
There are no trusts or combines  
that can corner on the sunshine  
and the showers. You have the  
promise of One who never fails to  
fulfill all his promises, that if we  
do our duty "all these things will  
be added."

"BACHELOR."

## WAMEDOT.

Wamedot, Feb. 23.

I am glad to see our county pa-  
per improving so rapidly.

Mr. D. P. Reid, of this place,  
has burned some plantbeds.

Mr. David Tilley, of Tuttle, vis-  
ited relatives at this place Sunday.  
We are glad to note that Mrs.  
D. P. Reid, who has been very ill  
with blood poison, is somewhat  
improved.

The school at this place is pro-  
gressing nicely, which is being  
taught by Miss Mattie Stewart.

Miss Sarah Sharpe, of Madison,  
who is visiting her daughter,  
Mrs. D. P. Reid, of this place,  
is talking of returning to Madison  
soon. Sorry to see her leave.

We enjoy reading the letters  
from B., S. S. T. and "Kitty."  
Write again, all of you.

BLUE EYED SCHOOL GIRL.

## GOOD MEN DEMANDED.

Woe to the Candidate Who Under-  
takes to Defend the Liquor Ques-  
tion In the Next Election.

Pine Hall, Feb. 22.

Mr. Editor:

The coming election promises to  
be a most important one in both  
State and nation and it will be a  
year in which our people will be  
more than ordinarily interested  
in their favorite newspapers and  
candidates. Every place from  
President down to constable is to  
be filled and from present indica-  
tions a large per cent of our people  
including not only the politicians  
but the business men and the  
church people will take an active  
part in these matters this year, at  
least more so than in former years,  
as great moral questions are com-  
ing to the front and waking up the  
good people of the State.

The demand for first class men  
to fill the public offices is unmis-  
takably evident and the parties  
will this year nominate their best  
and strongest men. The Demo-  
cratic party through its legislators  
has already committed itself to re-  
form upon the whiskey question  
and of course we may expect some  
opposition at the poles backed by  
liquor and saloon interests. There  
will be some Democrats and party  
leaders who may not fully subscribe  
to the views of the majority. They  
may make a fight in the conven-  
tion over this part of our platform  
and they may prefer other candi-  
dates than those the convention  
may nominate. But we believe  
this opposition will cease when  
the convention adjourns and that  
they will not wander off into any  
other party as has been predicted  
in some places because of the  
liquor question.

It will require a greater and a  
higher moral issue than the ad-  
vocates of whiskey and saloons  
can trump up to support their  
cause to split the Democratic  
party in North Carolina, and no  
party can hope to succeed unless  
they can divide the Democratic  
party.

As I said before great moral  
questions are forcing themselves  
to the front in the political world  
and there are good Christian men  
in each of our political parties that  
have the good of our State at  
heart more than they do politics,  
and it will be woe to the candi-  
date of either of our political  
parties that undertakes to defend the  
liquor business.

It is reported that the whiskey  
men of New York have already  
started a fund with \$500,000 to fight  
the temperance movement that is  
sweeping over the United States.  
So the good people can see what  
a giant they have got to fight.  
We take off our hats to the good  
men of the last legislature who for  
the first time in the history of the  
State, so far as we recollect, had  
the moral courage to put their foot  
upon the neck of this moral leper  
and say "thus far shalt thou go  
and no farther."

The tone of the letters from  
"Bachelor," "Sunday School  
Teacher," "Kitty," "Faith," and  
other correspondents of the Re-  
porter show what is going on in  
the minds of our young people. A  
bright day is dawning. The poli-  
tician who will openly defend  
the whiskey business, let him be  
Democrat or Republican, would be  
doomed forever in the estimation  
of such young people as this.

SUBSCRIBER.

The Republican State conven-  
tion meets in Greensboro May 18.

## PINK.

Pink, Feb. 22.

Mr. C. R. Meadows, who has  
been at work in Greensboro for  
some time, returned home sick last  
week. Guess some of the girls and  
one especially was very glad to see  
him back, but sorry he had to  
come home on account of being  
sick. We hope he will soon be  
well again.

Miss Alverta Pulliam, who has  
been visiting her cousin Mrs. J. M.  
Deaton, of Capella, for a few  
weeks, returned home last Wednes-  
day.

Mr. W. T. Hicks is seriously ill  
with pneumonia, we are sorry to  
note.

The smallpox scare is not over  
yet, as we heard of two cases today  
in Mr. J. G. Southern's family.  
From what we can learn those that  
broke out first are getting on O. K.

Mr. B. F. Pulliam has had his  
family vaccinated and they are now  
going about with a stiff arm. But  
guess that is better than to have  
smallpox, if it is as bad as Mr.  
Nick Kiser says it is. He said he  
thought at first it was just a little  
ailment, but has found out differ-  
ent since it got hold of him.

A little colored boy at B. F.  
Pulliam's was badly burned last  
Wednesday night and is not ex-  
pected to live. He was supposed to  
be playing in the fire when his  
clothes caught and before any one  
could get to him his clothes were  
in a blaze all over.

Mr. John Hicks, who has been  
very low with pneumonia, is im-  
proving, we are glad to note.

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## DELLAR.

Dellar, Feb. 22.

As I am not in school to-day I  
will write a letter to the little folks  
through the Reporter. How many  
of you like to go to school? I do  
for one. My teacher is Miss Jen-  
nie Ray. We all like her right  
much. I have no pets. I have  
two sisters and one brother. I  
want Mr. Editor to give us little  
folks a space in his valuable paper  
for corresponding. We would en-  
joy it so much. We are sorry to  
learn that little Sallie Tilley is  
dead. I would be glad to read  
some letters from some of the lit-  
tle folks of my age—10. For fear  
of the waste basket I will close  
for this time.

LUCY LACKEY.

## CASES.

Cases, Feb. 23.

I heard a man say some time  
ago if his tobacco didn't average  
over four dollars he was going to  
quit raising the weed. He carried  
off some and it brought something  
near five. So I reckon he is going  
to back his ears and come again.

Come again, Mr. Bachelor, I  
like to read your pieces.

I think the Reporter is one  
among the best papers in the  
State. Success to the Reporter.  
"LITTLE BARTTY."

Peter's Creek To Cut The Tobacco  
Acreage.

Mr. F. L. Moore, of Smiths, was  
in town last Thursday. Mr. Moore  
is a progressive farmer and one of  
the most prominent citizens of  
Peter's Creek township. Asked if  
the farmers of his section would  
plant as much tobacco this year as  
usual, Mr. Moore said the Re-  
porter that the more tobacco would  
be reduced.

## TO SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

Rev. J. T. Ratledge Makes An Appeal  
For More Earnest Work In the  
Cause.

Dear Sunday School workers:

As you all know Stokes county  
has a place in the North Carolina  
Sunday School Association. Our  
organization has already accom-  
plished good but we want to accom-  
plish much more good this year.

Now, we want every township  
actively organized. If there is  
only one school in the township  
let us have the organization any-  
way, and if there is no school at  
all let some one work and pray un-  
til there is one. The thing we  
must have is the individual Sun-  
day School or we cannot have the  
convention.

While the conventions do good  
in this way, yet, as you know, in  
the good, honest, prayerful hard  
work of the individual school is  
where the real good is accom-  
plished.

There are a great many children,  
perhaps, in this county, who know  
little or nothing about Sunday  
School, who if once brought into  
it would be as well pleased as  
those who attend every Sunday,  
summer and winter, and wouldn't  
miss Sunday School for anything  
else.

Dear Christians, how shall we  
spend the bright spring and sum-  
mer Sundays that are just before us?  
Scores of children are grow-  
ing up around some of you in al-  
most total ignorance of the word  
of God. Will you humbly ask  
God what is your duty in this  
situation? Try to estimate the  
value of one child saved for Christ  
and Heaven. Christians, I know  
you all love Christ, then of course  
you love these children. Will you  
seek to save them? To see you  
on Sunday afternoon with Bible  
and song book in hand going to  
some humble place to meet your  
little class, would make preachers  
preach better and I am sure you  
would feel better for doing so.

So, good people, let us have the  
Sunday Schools, if ever so small,  
then let each one be represented  
at the township convention. Af-  
ter this comes the county conven-  
tion which must be held at a more  
suitable time this year than last.  
Please let everyone remember that  
this work is strictly interdenomi-  
national. It is no more controlled  
by the Baptists than it is by the  
Presbyterians, etc.

Let us all pull together in the  
great Sunday School work,

Yours for the work.

J. T. RATLEDGE.

## CAMPBELL.

Campbell, Feb. 25.

Mr. J. T. Shelton and W. D.  
Priddy paid Misses Ida Hall and  
Ester a pleasant visit Saturday  
night. I guess they had a jolly  
time.

Mr. N. J. Burge and J. A. Shel-  
ton seem to be crossing Dan  
River very often. Wonder if some  
girls aren't drawing their attention  
over there. I guess they had a fine  
time last Sunday, they seem to be  
wearing broad smiles this week.

Mr. P. C. Campbell will soon be  
ready to move in his new house.  
Mr. Mart Bullen is at work at the  
chimney. Guess he will be glad to  
move.

Mr. Luther Rhodes, of Dellar,  
visits Mr. Bryant's very often.  
Luther, what's drawing you over  
there. Some bright eyed girl, I  
guess.

Miss Cora W. is looking very  
sad being she has been exposed to  
the smallpox and her best fellow  
is afraid to come and she hasn't  
seen him since Xmas. You must  
be of that, Cora, he will come  
some old time.

BLACK CAT.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

The county commissioners meet  
next Monday.

Rockingham court is in session  
at Wentworth this week.

Mr. Sam Moran, of Meadows,  
was in town last Thursday.

Another light snow fell Friday,  
making the third of the season.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys is attend-  
ing Rockingham court at Went-  
worth this week.

Messrs. Duke Kelly, Herbert  
Ray and George Simmons were in  
town Friday.

Mrs. Dr. W. B. Moore, of  
Smiths, accompanied by Mr. F. L.  
Moore, visited Danbury last Thurs-  
day.

Mr. J. Adkins, of Red Shoals,  
accompanied by his sister, Miss  
Susie, visited Mrs. M. T. Chilton  
Thursday.

Mr. Walter Nelson, of Jewel,  
recently sold a load of tobacco on  
the Winston market for which he  
realized an average of a little more  
than \$20 per hundred.

Leff Sisk, the murderer of Sam  
Lawson, is still at large. It begins  
to look like he will not be cap-  
tured by the spring term of Stokes  
court, which is only a little more  
than two months off.

There is only one prisoner in  
the Stokes jail and court less than  
nine weeks off. Jesse Cheney is  
the man in jail. He is charged  
with engaging in a shooting affray  
with Frank Cardwell some months  
since.

Mr. A. J. White, of Wamedot,  
spent a few hours in town Friday.  
Mr. White had the misfortune to  
lose a considerable quantity of  
fodder, shucks and hay by fire a  
few days since. It caught from  
fire under a washpot in which  
some clothing was being boiled.

## SANDY RIDGE.

Sandy Ridge, Feb. 22.

Mr. J. F. Dunlap and family  
have moved into the house with  
Mr. D. H. Andrews. Mr. Dunlap  
will start with the Western tobacco  
Co. soon.

Mr. D. A. Vernon is visiting  
his uncle Mr. H. C. Thornth.

Miss Nannie Gregory, of Sted-  
man, Va., spent Friday night in  
town.

Supt. J. T. Smith, of Danbury,  
spoke to the teachers at Sandy  
Ridge Institute Saturday.

Mr. Necoda Taylor, of Rellar,  
was in town Saturday.

Roy Bagby will continue teach-  
ing after the free school closes.  
Good teacher and tuition cheap  
as well as board. So this is the place  
for school.

A number of our young people  
attended a dance given by Mrs.  
Jim Taylor, of Hearford, Monday  
night. They report a nice time.

Mrs. Nettie Andrews has been  
very sick for some time, and doesn't  
improve very fast.

I do not think "a certain little  
boy," is much uneasy about the  
"old man." He certainly looked  
very gay Sunday in spite of rain  
and ice. The "two Jolly school  
girls" mustn't lose any sleep over  
that.

TOPSY.

## GANN'S.

Ganns, Feb. 29.

A question for Justices of the  
peace of Stokes County:

What fee is allowed by law for  
impounding stock running at large  
in a stock law territory. Justices  
please answer through the Re-  
porter.

WELL WISHER.