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## The Legislature and the Railroad.

From the giant rail-road Corporations of the State and a small band of editors and politicians devoted to their interests come an invidious howl that the "legislature is a menace to business enterprise." These corporations with the big insurance companies try to throw dust into the public's eyes by pretending that they have common cause with the manufacturing, mercantile and other domestic enterprises of the State. As a matter of fact they have nothing more in common with such enterprises, so far as the proposed legislation is concerned, than the rings of saturn have to do with a writ of ejectment. Freight rates are notoriously excessive and tainted with unjust discrimination. Rail-roads can divert thousands of dollars from their stock-holders to put into campaign funds, can water their stock to the drowning point and underpay and over work their employees. According to their point of view that is "business." But when measures to reduce rates even slightly are brought forward when laws to curb the rapacity and crookedness of these same corporations are proposed, that is anarchy.

The consignee who does not remove his freight promptly is charged demurrage or storage according to the length of the delay; and that, we are told, is no more than right. But when the rail-roads are charged a penalty for their carelessness in failing to ship goods to their destination within a reasonable time that is an outrage. We have heard a great deal about a bag of onions on which a shipper collected a penalty of \$82.50. If the rail-road had shipped the onions twenty-five miles a day upon an average, until they reached their destination, there would have been no penalty whatever. Hundreds of claims are presented every month for excess charges in freight and for delays, and but for the penalty laws, the claims would sleep in the freight claims agent's office till the dust of ages accumulated on them. Another great "outrage" committed by the legislature was the questioning of the rail-road officials by members of the committee before which the former had voluntarily appeared to protest against any decrease in rates.

These officials claimed that the roads could not afford a reduction in rates. What there was, then, improper in a request for information tending to show how far their claim was supported by facts, nobody but rail-road officials, lobbyists and their sympathizers can see. The legislature is on the right tract. Gentlemen in Raleigh, drive on with the wagon.

Whether intentionally or not the Congressional Commission appointed to suggest changes in the legislation affected second-class mail has agreed upon a bill the effect of which would be to impose limitations upon the advertising business of every newspaper and magazine publisher in

the United States. It proposes to exclude from the mails as second-class matter every publication in which advertisements take up more than one-half of the printed space. The avowed purpose is to exclude a class of publications which are primarily advertising sheets, but the effect would be to injure almost every periodical publication in the country. The editor of a country weekly, for instance, would have to measure up his space every week and refuse to accept an advertisement of any kind after he had enough to fill half of his paper. This might not be a burdensome restriction part of the year, but there is hardly a country paper that would not suffer severely during the holiday season, when enough advertisements are offered to compensate for the lean weeks throughout the year.

This bill is one of a class very popular at this time with many members of Congress and of State legislatures who believe that the government should interfere with all kinds of business. For instance, just at this time when the most pressing need of almost every locality in the country is additional transportation facilities, bills are pending in almost every State legislature now in session the effect of which would be to discourage railroad extension and improvement in that State. In a letter dealing with the situation in the South and the need of additional transportation facilities in that section, the editor of the Manufacturers' Record says: "Under these conditions it behooves the whole country to recognize that this is not a time for antagonism against railroads. The time has passed for destructive criticism, and now constructive work should be the order of the day, or else, as is the certainty the tomorrow's sun will rise, we shall see a breaking down of our railroad interests and a general collapse of business in the not very distant future. Unwise agitation railroads whether from ignorance or from perverted demagogues seeking the favor of the public, may ruin the railroads, but, like the temple of old, as they go down, business interests, without this pillar of support, will crumble in the wreck."

Special Agent Clark, of the Bureau of Manufacturers, has just made a very complete report on the cotton goods trade in Manchuria. Most of the cotton goods shipped from the United States to Manchuria go first to Shanghai and from that port to distributing points in Manchuria. These shipments in 1905 amounted to 3,230,375 pieces, an increase is Mr. Clark believes it will continue and that the market will be broadened by a gradual use of finer grades of goods than are at present used. Mr. Clark has forwarded to the Bureau samples of the goods in chief demand in Manchuria. As soon as the samples arrive they will be distributed among cotton manufacturers and exporters interested in that trade.

**Ash Wednesday and Lent.**  
The Holy Season called Lent comes early this year—Wednesday, Feb. 13th being the first day of the Fast which continues till Easter Day, March 31st. Services in the Church of the Ascension will be held every Wednesday evening at 7:30, and on Thursday at 4 p. m. This service especially for young people with short address with petitions in the Lord's Prayer.

On Ash Wednesday morning services at 10:30 a. m. The Holy Communion with address.

**WEEDING INVATION, Call Cards, Society Stationery, our specialty neatly printed, at THE DEMOCRAT PRINTER, TRY,**

## Mail Order Houses.

Their attitude toward the general purchaser put in the following commandments which will interest business men:

The subject of mail order houses, is now proving to be a "live" question with merchants in many parts of the country. Those who follow this subject should be interested in the following revision of the ten commandments as practiced by the catalogue houses.

First. You shall sell your farm products for cash whenever you can, but not to us; we do not buy from you. Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Second. You shall believe our statements and buy all you need from us because we want to be good to you, although we are not personally acquainted with you.

Third. You shall send the money in advance to give us the chance to get the goods from the factory with your money; meanwhile you will have to wait patiently a few weeks, because that is our business method.

Fourth. You shall apply to your nearest city to aid you in building good roads so you may conveniently get the roads from the depot which you buy from us, for we do not build country roads.

Fifth. You shall buy church organs, bells and interior fixtures from us and forward the money in advance, for that is our business method, and you shall collect from the business men in your vicinity as much money as you can for the benefit of your churches. Although we get more money from you than they do, still it is against our rules to donate money for building churches.

Sixth. You shall buy your tools from us and be your own mechanic, in order to drive the mechanics from your vicinity, for we wish it so.

Seventh. You shall induce your neighbor to buy everything from us, as we have room for more money—the less money there is left in your community, the sooner we can put your local merchant out of business and charge you any price we please.

Eighth. You shall look often at the beautiful pictures in our catalogues, so your wishes will increase, and you will send in a big order, although you are not in immediate need of the goods, otherwise you might have some money left to buy necessary goods of your local merchant.

**STATIONERY for your office, Business Cards and anything you want printed at THE DEMOCRAT PRINTER.**

## Business Builders.

Advertisements inserted under this head at 5 cents a line for each insertion

**WANTED 5,000 heart shingles. Apply at Democrat office.**

**FRESH fish and oysters at the Dairy Lunch. City Bakery, Saturday.**

**"HE sells real estate."**

**John E. Haithecock sells.—**

**HE Sells—See bottom opposite page.**

**WOODS and Buists garden seed, and field seed at The Hall Co.**

**SEE the new embroideries at J. A. Bowles.**

**NOT too late to buy a new Overcoat, and you get them cheap at Moretz-Whitener Clo. Co.**

**PHONE us when you want bread or cakes. City Bakery.**

**WHITE goods and other early Spring varieties just received at The Hall Co.**

**TAE City Bakery has opened up a neat Dairy Lunch Room and can serve you with all the dainties of the season.**

**WANTED—For U. S. Army able-bodied, unmarried men, between ages of 21 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 15 West Trade St., Charlotte, N. C.; 20 1-2 South Main St., Asheville, N. C.; Bank Building, Hickory, N. C.; 417 1-2 Liberty St., Winston-Salem, N. C.; Glenn Building, Spartanburg, S. C.; Haynsworth and Conyer's Building, Greenville, S. C.; or Kendall Building, Columbia, S. C.**

**MCKINLEY edition of Ten cent Music now on sale at The Morrison Bros. Co. Call for catalogue at The Morrison Bros. Co.**

**WE make all the delicacies that are made in a first class bakery also serve them in our Dairy Lunch. City Bakery.**

**NEW spring white goods in a great variety of patterns at J. A. Bowles.**

**Persians Lawns, 40 inches wide at 10 cents yard up, at J. A. Bowles.**

**VALENTINES—All kinds at Morrison Bros. Co.**

**MR. Willis is a practical baker and knows his business. City Bakery**

**WOOLEN blankets and other winter supplies still selling. The Hall Co.**

**TRY the "Walk-Over" Shoes, \$4 in all the new lasts for young men. Moretz-Whitener Clo. Co.**

**COTTON Batting at 8c pound at J. A. Bowles.**

**10,000 MINK SKINS WANTED AS ONCE. Highest prices ever known will be paid for immediate shipments. Address A. E. Burkhardt, D 73, Cincinnati, O**

**Bobinet and all over laces for waits at J. A. Bowles.**

**ALL wool blankets ten and eleven quarter at the Hall Co. Store.**

**NEW percales at J. A. Bowles.**

**HELP wanted by the Hickory Roller Cover Co. See us quick Steddy work for the right parties**

**WOODS and Buists garden and field seeds, early onion sets and Red Bliss main seed potatoes. The Hall Co.**

**THE Morrison Bros. Co. handle the famous McKinley Edition of Ten cent Music, at Morrison Bros. Co.**

**OFFICE or LIVING ROOMS for rent over Huffman's Furniture store. Water and toilet conveniences on same floor—Rents cheap, see W. P. Huffman. 4ts**

## \$50,000 Bonds.

The city of Hickory has ask the Legislature to pass an act to allow an election to be held in May issuing \$50,000 worth of city bonds for the purpose of putting in an electric light plant "to be owned by the city", and for the improvement of the streets.

## Royal Arch Masons Banquet.

The order of Royal Arch Masons gave a six course banquet in the Academy of Music Monday evening, about one hundred people being present. The banquet was presided over by the ladies aid society of the Reformed church.

This proved a most enjoyable occasion to every one that was fortunate enough to be there. Among the out of town visitors were Mr. Harry E. Reid and wife, of Lincolnton; Miss Hattie Brenizer, of Charlotte; Dr. J. B. Little and daughter, Miss Rowe, Dr. Wheeler, R. P. Freeze, W. A. Knox, R. L. Rhyne, Geo. Moose, H. C. Crowell and wife, W. C. Kenyon and wife, and Prof. W. R. Weaver, of Newton; Mr. D. H. Warlick and wife, of Granite Falls; Mr. W. H. Craddick and wife, Dr. L. G. Reid, J. M. Barnhardt, V. D. Guire, J. A. Sescoek, and Mr. Broyhill, of Lenoir.

The professional man who buys of order house, and a merchant has his printing done out of town belong to the same lodge—same degree

It pays to read the advertisements of the enterprising Merchants in the Democrat. Our advertisers are people who make it possible to have conveniences at your door so to speak.

Spend the jolliest evening of your life in the company of Opie. Read and four hundred of his admirers who live in Hickory. You'll never forget it, You'll never regret it.



## Much in the Method

We can't all be beautiful, it appears, but we can all make BEAUTIFUL PICTURES. We make the sort which are interesting and lovely, whether or not your proportions are absolutely correct or your complexion faultless.

**G. M. HARDIN, Photographer.**

Morganton St. Hickory.

## Home-made Catarrh Cure.

Any one can mix right at home the best remedy of its kind known. The name "Cyclone" is given to the following prescription, it is supposed, because of its promptness in driving from the blood and system every vestige of catarrhal poison, relieving this foul and dread disease, no matter where located. To prepare the mixture: Get from any good pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon and three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Shake well and use in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bed time.

This is a harmless, inexpensive mixture, which has a peculiar action upon the eliminative tissues of the Kidneys, assisting them to filter and strain from the blood and system all catarrhal poisons, which, if not eradicated, are absorbed by the mucous membrane, and an open sore of catarrh is the result.

Prepare some and try it, as it is the prescription of an eminent catarrh specialist of national reputation.

# "WE DEAL IN DIRT"

## FARMS

- No. 46. 21 ACRES, Coffey House road, 8 miles from Hickory, 10 acres bottom. Dwelling and outhouses \$450
- No. 47. 300 ACRES, Lincoln county, 3 miles from Lincolnton, known as Carpenter farm. 167 acres in cultivation, 22 acres bottom, 133 acres well timbered. Two large deposits of clay, suitable for making press brick. Good dwelling, barn and outhouses. Call and see us about this \$10,000
- No. 48. 21 ACRES in town of Newton facing College St. Fine farm land, or can be laid off into beautiful building sites \$2100
- No. 29. 10 ACRES unimproved. 1-2 mile from city limits. 5 acres woodland, balance in cultivation. Can be cut up into nice lots \$500
- No. 6. 64 ACRES in Caldwell county near Hudson. 34 acres in cultivation, balance in timber. House, barn, outhouses \$1500
- No. 41. 300 ACRES, 3 miles from Lenoir. 20 acres bottom, 75 in cultivation, 2 dwellings, barns, corn cribs, and outbuildings. Land well watered \$3000
- No. 42. 140 ACRES, 4 miles from Lenoir. 50 acres bottom, 10 acres timber, 7-room dwelling, good barn, outhouses \$3500
- No. 43. 40 1-2 ACRES 5 miles from Lenoir, 32 acres bottom, 5 acres timber, 1 dwelling, barn, corn crib and outhouses \$1000
- No. 44. 45 ACRES four miles from Newton. Six miles from Hickory, Lincolnton road. Small dwelling, good barn, 20 acres in cultivation. Balance timber. Price \$20 per acre \$900

## HOUSES AND LOTS.

- No. 7. 3 ROOM HOUSE, near center of town, fair condition, nicely ceiled, good fire places, lot 100x200. Garden - \$700
- No. 8. 10 ROOM HOUSE, Shuford Ave., three minutes walk from post office. House finished in hardwood throughout. An ideal location for a physician. \$3250
- No. 12. 4 ROOM HOUSE, North Hickory. New and in good condition. A bargain at \$600
- No. 13. 6 ROOM HOUSE, Horseford Heights. Lot 100x200 with one acre additional. This house is built of carefully selected lumber, and each room is beautifully finished. It will be worth your while to look at it \$1800
- No. 16. 6 ROOM HOUSE, North Hickory together with three acres of land. Good barn, corn crib and outhouses \$1800
- No. 22. 3 ROOM HOUSE, 4 1-4 acres of land, just outside city limits on Brookford road. 25 fruit trees, good spring of water \$650
- No. 30. 7 ROOM HOUSE, Morganton St., three blocks from business portion of town. Good condition. Lot 100x320 \$2000
- \$31. 5 ROOM HOUSE, near water tower. Good condition. Lot 150x200 \$1200
- No. 33. MODERN RESIDENCE, one of the most desirable in Hickory. Robinson street, 10 rooms and basement. Every Modern convenience. Lot 150x300 \$6000
- No. 23. 3 ROOM HOUSE, South Hickory. Good condition. Corner lot, 1 3-4 acres of land. A bargain \$600
- No. 4. AT GRANITE FALLS. Two story 12 room house. Good condition. Near center of town. 1-2 acre lot. A nice home proposition. Terms to suit \$1800
- No. 49. 8 ROOM HOUSE in Newton, Pine St. Good condition. Corner lot 120x300 \$2500
- No. 50. 6 ROOM HOUSE in Newton. 200 yards from Court House. Good condition. Barn and outbuildings, 6 acres land which can be cut up into desirable building sites \$2600
- No. 51. 4 TENEMENT HOUSES, in Newton with 2 3-4 acres of land. Rent for \$8 per month. 800

We keep open on Tuesday and Saturday nights.

# Jones and Mattocks

Phone 225 - Hickory, N. C.

# FARMERS

Open an account with us and grow with a growing Bank. The prosperous and influential men of all communities are the men who carry bank accounts. The smallest depositor here receives the same courtesy and consideration as the largest.

If there is anything you do not understand about the banking business come in and let us explain it to you.

# The Hickory Banking & Trust Co