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## THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS

Buy Them and Aid in the Fight  
Against Tuberculosis in  
This State.

A million and a quarter Red Cross Christmas Seals have been sent out to the various committees throughout the State by the State Red Cross Seal Commission. Thanksgiving Day started in earnest the campaign for the sale of Red Cross Seals. These Seals have been taken in quantities from five hundred to a hundred and ten thousand by the local committees, five hundred being for small places where there are only a few inhabitants, and the hundred and ten thousand being at Wilmington, where they have an especially active committee. Other places that have taken a hundred thousand are Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Asheville. Any town has the privilege of ordering more if the quantity sent them is not sufficient. The State Commission has seven hundred and fifty thousand more Seals on hand and is shipping them out every day expecting to place the entire two million within the next week. Each seal is sold for a penny and each represents a bullet fired in the fight against tuberculosis in North Carolina.

**"We Do Things."**  
This is the slogan of the Baraca-Philathea Movement. The Baraca-Philathea City Union has in charge the Belgian Relief Fund for our town. Envelopes to the number of 2000 have been distributed through our churches and Sunday Schools. A lock bank labeled, "Belgian Relief Fund" is doing service in Lutz's bus Philatheas whose office the Church or section plate or ay to Lutz's First National all funds for

We thank the Clay Printing Company for donating the printed envelopes.  
We thank Mr. Lutz for holding a bank for us.  
We thank the First National Bank for handling the small banks.  
We thank every man, woman and child in Hickory who has contributed for will contribute to this fund.  
It is not our work, but a work in the name of humanity for Him, who will say at the final day, "I was an hungred and ye gave Me meat." Reporter.

## Christmas Treat for the County Home.

We are in it and we are not trying to get out of it. The inmates of the county home are expecting it. All who want to contribute to the expense of this treat will please send or hand it to me on or before December 24 for I will have to buy and fix up this treat on the day before in order to get it out to them on Christmas Day as I usually do. Read Psalms 41-1. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." And who is it that has never had any trouble?  
M. A. ABERNETHY,  
Newton, N. C., Dec. 5, 1914.

## DOING THEIR DUTY

Scores of Hickory Readers are Learning the Duty of the Kidneys.  
To filter the blood is the kidneys' duty.  
When they fail to do this the kidneys are weak.  
Backache and other kidney ills may follow.  
Help the kidneys do their work.  
Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the tested kidney remedy.  
Hickory people endorse their worth.  
Mrs. A. Wezen, 1443 Ninth Ave., Hickory, N. C., says: "My kidneys were out of order and I suffered from backache. I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Lutz's Drug Store and they made me strong and well. This remedy gives quick relief."  
Mrs. Wezen is only one of many Hickory people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches—if you kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Wezen had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name." adv't.

## Germans Capture An Important Russian Town.

Loetz, the second town of Poland, and lying 75 miles to the west-southwest of Warsaw, has fallen to the German army. It was occupied Sunday, according to an official announcement from Berlin.  
Around this important town a desperate battle has raged for days. Countless thousands have fallen in desperate hand-to-hand conflicts and from the shells of

## "Colonel" Writes Interestingly on Politics and Local News.

Hickory, R-1, Dec. 8.—There is nothing new in the South Fork Valley at present. All is quiet along the line since the election is over and the people have got down to hard work on their farms. The low-price cotton baby has gone to sleep and quite its squalling for the next two years, when like the 17-year locust, the republicans will begin to pinch and kick it until it bursts open on the back. Then the crying and squalling creature will emerge from its lonely cell and begin the noise and hum low-price cotton. This cry deceived many a floating voter in the last election. What profit it a man if he gain the whole world and lose his job in the end? We intend to do like the little boy whom his father said "wouldn't stay whipped"—we intend to come again in two years with renewed energy and power and gain what we have lost with compound interest. Two years is all the ruling power in the county matters. That we will give them to play on and then they can sit down and take their ease henceforth to rest from their labors. The old tried Democracy will not always lie dormant. It will come forth again with vigor, full strength and overwhelming power and like a lonely dove will never rest until this power is found.  
A few days after the election a colloquium occurred between two ladies, one a Republican and the other a Democrat. The Republican woman said to the Democrat, "Why, we got everything," and the Democrat replied, "Oh, no. We got the State and Congress—all the big potatoes, while you got the little ones," which was a severe rebuke in my estimation.  
Wesley Meachum is putting up a nice new barn for Misses Mattie and Ellen Whitener.  
The Oak Grove School house caught on fire one last week, the blaze originating from the stove flue. The building would have burned down but for the timely discovery by C. M. Yoder, who happened to be nearby putting up a shelter for his daughter's horse. About one-third of the roof was burned off and the patrons have repaired the damage by putting on a new metal roof.  
D. L. Leonard's son, who is in the U. S. Navy, is home on a furlough.  
The general health of this vicinity is very good.  
Thanksgiving Day passed off quietly with but little hunting done.  
D. L. Leonard has his tenant house about completed and will soon be ready for occupation.  
P. R. Yoder and son have not done any work on their house since October 1.  
L. S. Ritchie & Co. are ginning a great deal of cotton. They run three gins in the same house and can gin a bale in 30 minutes.  
This has been a rainy week and it looks like the fountains of the deep have been broken up.  
The low-cotton baby was born during President Cleveland's second term and after McKinley was elected ceased to cry. If the war would stop tomorrow and commercial conditions be restored to their former plane and cotton would go to 14 cents, then this little batch of Catawba County republicans would claim and say "we are the boys that did the work." Cotton to my best recollection never brought 14 cents until last year under Wilson's administration, and if peace is restored it will soon return to its normal price. COL.

## The City Prison.

"I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Good people sometimes get into prison. Joseph was a prisoner, and so was Paul, John Bunyan and many others. We owe something to the prisoner. By the courtesy of Chief of Police, Lentz, I was permitted to inspect our city prison. It consists of three cells about 8x10. These cells are separated by partitions made of boards. There is no means of heating these cells, no toilet connections, and no water. The only covering are a few quilts which must be used to wrap white and black, clean and unclean, diseased and healthy. The City of Hickory owes it to the prisoners and to the city itself to provide a better city prison. This city once voted \$10,000.00 bonds for a City Hall. This money was diverted by an act of the legislature to another cause. This has left our town without a suitable city prison. The present building is not adequate, it is unsanitary, it is such as to endanger health and even the lives of those who may be detained therein. I am pleased to note that the present management is making arrangements to improve conditions in this prison, but it is time that our town awake to consciousness of our duty to the man behind the bars. J. L. MURPHY.

## WOODMEN TO UNVEIL MONUMENT.

Hickory Camp No. 80 W. O. W. will unveil a monument, in Oakwood Cemetery, Hickory, N. C., Sunday December 13, at 2:30 p. m.  
The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

## TRY THIS FOR NEURALGIA

Thousands of people keep on suffering with Neuralgia because they do not know what to do for it. Neuralgia is a pain in the nerves. What you want to do is to soothe the nerve itself. Apply Sloan's Liniment to the surface over the painful part—do not rub it in. Sloan's Liniment penetrates very quickly to the sore, irritated nerve and allays the inflammation. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. adv't.

The new county officers were sworn in at Newton Monday and the county now enters into a two-year term of Republican rule. The county commissioners organized by electing Mr. Osborn Brown, chairman. Oscar Sherrill, the county judge, qualified, but resigned immediately afterwards. C. H. Mebane, editor of the Catawba County News was elected to that office to succeed Mr. Sherrill.

## Fit His Case Exactly.

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## An Example of Cooperation That Brought Results.

At the Special Session of the Legislature in 1913 the Brown Legume Inoculation Bill was enacted into law as follows:  
"The General Assembly of N. C. do enact:  
Sect. 1. The Board of Agriculture is hereby authorized to manufacture inoculating material for leguminous crops and distribute same to the citizens of the State, applying for same, at cost; the cost of same to be paid for out of the receipts of the Department of Agriculture.  
Sect. 2. This Act shall be in force from and after its ratification."  
Ratified this 13th day of October, A. D. 1913.

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## New County Officers Sworn in at Newton Monday

Monday was a historic day politically in Catawba County. The County officials took charge of the various offices to which they were elected in the November election.

The County Commissioners organized by electing Mr. Osborn Brown, chairman. The other members of the board are; Mr. D. E. Sigmon, of Newton township; Mr. Jay Wilfong of Jacobs Fork township; Mr. John Holler of Clines township; Mr. Will Stroup of Hickory township.

Hon. A. A. Waitener of Hickory was elected attorney for the County Commissioners, but could not serve. He resigned and our townsman, Mr. W. C. Feimster was elected to fill this position. Mr. Oscar Sherrill qualified as County Judge, but resigned and Mr. C. H. Mebane was elected to this office. Mr. John A. Isenhower of Conover qualified as Sheriff of Catawba County for the next two years.

## Cotton Prices on Real Estate.

Some of the Biggest Bargains ever offered. 4 business lots and 4 warehouse lots, in the business centre of Hickory, N. C., or above lots undivided, 102 feet by 165 feet with nine-room house with lights and water. This property will double in valuation within two years. This property is known as the Doctor Baker property, on Tenth Avenue, on the east side of the Methodist Church, and adjoining the church property.

1 lot 90 by 167 feet with 9 room brick dwelling and other improvements on Tenth Avenue, four blocks from passenger depot.  
2 lots 70 by 167 ft. on Eleventh Avenue, in rear of above property.  
Also 1 Bottling Plant for the manufacture of soda waters.

The above property is offered for sale privately from now until day of sale—Friday December 18, and all of the above property not sold by Friday December 18, will be sold at public auction for the dollar.  
Remember day of sale, Friday, December 18, 1914.  
For further information, prices and terms, write or call on J. Morgan Hawn or Z. B. Buchanan, Hickory, N. C.

No brass band, no free lots, but big bargains. Hour of Auction 2 o'clock, Friday, December 18.  
Sale will take place on the grounds. Terms reasonable.  
Z. B. BUCHANAN, Auctioneer.

## Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas: Our Loving Father has seen fit to remove from our community the devoted brother of our friend and co-worker, Miss Jo Moore, there be it resolved:  
First: That we, the members of the Philathea Class of the First Methodist Church, bow in humble submission to Him "Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble."  
Second: That we extend to the bereaved sister and relatives of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy, commending them to the love and infinite wisdom of our Heavenly Father, who is "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"; remembering His blessed promise: "I will not leave you comfortless."  
Third: That, as a tribute of our affection, a copy of these Resolutions be sent to our sister, that they be spread upon the permanent record of our Class, and a copy sent to each of the town papers for publication.

Mrs. N. R. Peacock, Miss Minta Abernethy, Miss Mabel Hight, Committee.

## Children's Coughs—Children's Colds Both Are Serious

When one of your little ones shows symptoms of an approaching Cold, give it Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey at once. It acts quickly, and prevents the Cold growing worse. Very healing—soothes the Lungs, loosens the mucous strengthens the system. It's guaranteed. Only 25c. at your Druggist. Buy a bottle to-day.  
Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Sores. adv't.

## STOP THE CHILD'S COLDS THEY OFTEN RESULT SERIOUSLY

Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough are children's ailments which need immediate attention. The after-effects are often most serious. Don't take the risk—New Discovery checks the Cold, soothes the Cough, allays the Inflammation, kills the Germs and allows Nature to do her healing work. 50c. at your Druggist. Buy a bottle to-day.

## MARKETING WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM

WE ARE LONG ON PRODUCTION, SHORT ON DISTRIBUTION.

By Peter Radford  
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmer the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem. This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.

## The World Will Never Starve.

At no time since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden have the inhabitants of this world suffered from lack of production, but some people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour for the lack of proper distribution. Slight variations in production have forced a change in diet and one locality has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a whole has ever been a land of plenty.

We now have less than one-tenth of the tillable land of the earth's surface under cultivation, and we not only have this surplus area to draw on but it is safe to estimate that in case of dire necessity one-half the earth's population could at the present time knock their living out of the trees of the forest, gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No one should become alarmed; the world will never starve.

The consumer has always feared that the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expression on the statute books of our states and nations and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and without reference to the demands of the consumer. Back to the Soil.

The city people have been urging each other to move back to the farms, but very few of them have moved. We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface contains 16,092,160,000 idle acres of tillable land where they can make a living by tilling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use. The city man has very erroneous ideas of agricultural conditions. The commonly accepted theory that we are short on production is all wrong. Our annual increase in production far exceeds that of our increase in population.

The World as a Farm.  
Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 750,000,000 acres on the western and 1,260,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation. This estimate, of course, does not include grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are produced.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat. The average annual world crop for the past five years, compared with the previous five years, is as follows:  
Past Five Years Previous Half Decade  
Crops— Decade Decade  
Corn (Bu.) 2,834,174,000 2,403,655,000  
Wheat (Bu.) 3,522,769,000 3,257,526,000  
Oats (Bu.) 4,120,017,000 3,508,315,000  
Cotton (Bales) 19,883,800 17,541,200

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 18 per cent during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only three per cent.  
The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent if a remunerative market can be found for the products. In textile fibres the world shows an increase during the past half decade in production of 15 per cent against a population increase of three per cent.

The people of this nation should address themselves to the subject of improved facilities for distribution. Over-production and crop mortgage force the farmers into ruinous competition with each other. The remedy lies in organization and in co-operation in marketing.

Claremont College will give the annual Christmas Entertainment on Thursday night, December 17. The program will be music and readings by the departments of Music and Expression and a playlet entitled, "The Real Thing" by John K. Bangs—From the standpoint of efficiency of work and satisfaction among the student body the present is one of the most successful terms of school in the history of the present management.

A select number of the Woodmen of the World enjoyed a three course dinner at the home of Mr. Dinwiddie Holder on Claremont Heights, Thursday night of last week. Mrs. Chadwick enlivened the occasion with her music. Dr. J. L. Murphy was guest of honor.