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WHY NOT TRUCKING?

Catawba county, now recognized as the premier dairying county in the state, is destined soon to become one of the leading trucking communities in North Carolina.

The idea is not original with the Record, but it is glad to pass it on for what it is worth, and the Record is sure that it is worth considering.

We have noticed that the Republican members of the house and senate have been in no hurry to embarrass the president and their attitude should make the weak-kneed Democrats ashamed of themselves.

A large number of Hickory people were interested yesterday in war reports. If there had been any unusual developments, the Associated Press would have notified the Record, and we would have seen that the people of Hickory were informed.

We wouldn't blame Germany one bit for putting over another breach if the biggest neutral in the world would take to its heels at the very thought of asserting its rights.

There are some Democratic congressmen who had rather see Wilson defeated than anything else, judging from the way they have acted since he became president.

If Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the senate committee on foreign relations, can come out squarely for the president's position, a few of us smaller lights might admit that maybe the president and the secretary of state know what they are about.

The Catawba Cooperative Creamery, as our local page stated Saturday, is having the busiest season in its history. The creamery is unable to supply the demand without handling the products of other creameries.

One of our good lady friends who was compelled to remain in quarantine with a sick child says that the only thing about the Record that worried her was its failure to appear on Sunday.

Mr. John W. Robinson's article on well-rounded Catawba county farms ought to appeal to many readers, because Mr. Robinson's farm, while much larger than the average, is well equipped in every way.

The worst feature about the Verdun battle is that so many good Germans and Frenchmen are losing their lives. Let it be remembered that these men had nothing to do with bringing on their deaths.

"Vladivostok More Congressed Than Ever." Headline in Saturday's Record. Nobody will be fired for using that word, for congress and congedated are synonymous terms just now.

Just about the time everybody gets anxious, our troubles solve themselves.

The only thing that can possibly worry Germany over the break with Portugal is the possible loss of several good merchant ships that put into Lisbon out of the storm.

We admire Colonel Roosevelt a whole lot yet, but we are compelled to admit that they put the fixins on him and Senator Root when they drew that Korean parallel.

You will please hand it to Startown. Those lads know how to tell livestock when they see it, as the awards published Saturday show.

Our own opinion is that nets and armed motor boats have done a great deal towards stopping the submarine operations in the North sea.

You can't keep a good climate down, let us repeat, Saturday afternoon, it looked like snow for fair, but the climate asserted itself.

Catawba Farmers

(By John W. Robinson)

Many are the agricultural soap bubbles that have gone floating over the state as to the wealth the Catawba Creamery is bringing its patrons—how they are buying beautiful homes, pure bred stock, all the modern conveniences, automobiles, etc.

Dairying as a side-line on the farm is a fine thing. I think every farmer should have from five to ten cows on his farm as our western farmers have, then garden, poultry, hogs, orchard, etc., and not depend on one crop.

The great financial depression recently of our nation affected us but very little, as our people have learned to live at home, and sell their surplus of fruit, and garden, poultry, hogs, eggs, live stock, poultry, vegetables, etc.

We've improved soil, filled gullies, sodded grass feeding our stock from the farm, then with a check each month of from \$5 to \$12 per cow, we feel and are independent.

I am no believer in soap bubble agriculture, which looks pretty but soon bursts. Much safer it is to keep our ladder firmly planted on the ground when climbing to success in agriculture and not carry too many burdens of debt and mortgage.

A small farm garden and chicken, with perhaps a half dozen good grade cows, a pure bred sire, several brood sows, good draft horses, a silo, comfortable dwelling and barns—painted—nice garden, orchard, flock of poultry, potato house, beautiful green pastures, wheat, oats, clover and corn fields with everything free of debt—this is the home we're proud to show people visiting Catawba county and many valuable lessons may be learned from a farmer who owns a home of this type.

The person who goes into dairying or any other line of agriculture with the idea that he is going to get rich is doomed to disappointment and cooperative failure.

But farming is the most independent and noble work to be found. The greatest work, that of sowing seed with our own hands in the life giving soil and helping them grow ever surrounded by nature and searching for nature's secret, never becomes monotonous labor. Each day reveals to us some new truth from nature's unwritten book and our labors are richly rewarded by wonderful strokes of plant and animal life.

We are king of our own domain and no one says yea and nay except nature.

Children grow up in the country more natural by being associated with nature. They hardly know the words pride, vain, jealousy. Artificial life will never appeal to them long, the glitter and gaitly may attract for awhile, but eventually the love of nature and God, the source of all life, will be paramount.

CAN BE ERADICATED

Australia Controls Tuberculosis—Victoria Drives It

Whether or not it is a dream of health workers, tuberculosis experts in particular, that it is possible and altogether probable at some future day to have no tuberculosis in this country, it is a fact that one country, Australia, according to Dr. Victor G. Heiser, of the International Health Commission, has now effective control over this disease.

Doctor Heiser says: "I was very much surprised during a visit to that country to find a death rate from all diseases seemed very simple. They do not put laws on the state books there that they do not observe. They enforce their laws. This wonderful showing is the result of intelligent health laws and their observance."

In regard to the methods used by the state of Victoria, which has accomplished most in controlling tuberculosis, Dr. Heiser explains that every case of tuberculosis was isolated either in a sanatorium or, if the family were willing to provide specified conditions, such as a suitable sleeping porch, to destroy all spores, to use individual dishes, etc., and to observe other necessary precautions to keep down infection, then the patient is left at home, but is up on probation and closely watched.

Another measure taken was that all immigrants coming to Victoria should pass a physical examination and be certified by an Australian medical officer that they are free from tuberculosis.

Doctor Heiser adds in his address at Albany, New York: "If it is possible for Australia to control tuberculosis why shouldn't it be possible for United States to do so?"

Mr. J. Hampton Rich of Winston-Salem has his nerve with him on all occasions. In Washington the other day he got by all the door keepers and secretaries and entertained the president for the space of several minutes—Charity and Children.

PRESS COMMENT

Logical Verb

Gastonia Gazette. A new word has been coined by the newspapers which may eventually get into the dictionaries. It is the word "wireless" as a verb. Example of usage: "Preparedness Message Wireless to Every Part of Country Last Night."—Hickory Record.

THEY WERE GOOD NUTS

News and Observer. War will now be declared between the Hickory Record and the Greensboro Record. Referring to a hurry up call to the baseball fans in the colleyums of its Hickory namesake the Greensboro Record speaks of the meeting as "A sort of gathering of the Hickory nuts." If Editor Farabee can stand for this we will be surprised.

War and Discontent

Columbia State. Much has been said and written of the possible effects of the war upon loosely joined Austria-Hungary. There have been those who saw in the world conflict, the beginning of the dual monarchy's weakening. Their expectations of hopes, however, have been proved sadly lacking in soundness. Yet for their belief there was not a little of foundation.

The point they overlooked was the central, vital force of war, Germany. Once let a foreigner raise his hand to the fatherland, and regardless of previous feelings, a whole nation will hold itself willing to dare and labor and starve that the eagles may be brought home encircled with the wreaths of victory. Of course, there may be malcontentions but their number is comparatively small and their lukewarm opposition completely lost in the flame of fervent support which a crisis evokes from the masses.

Just as an analogy the following written from Berlin in July, 1914, just before the outbreak of the War of Nations, is of interest:

The unceasing criticism of press and parliament is slowly reducing the number of cases of mistreatment of soldiers by their officers, but a recent report shows that 490 non-commissioned officers and officers were convicted of such offenses last year. This was a reduction of ninety cases from the figures of five years ago.

These 490 convictions by no means indicate, however, that only that number of private soldiers were brutally handled during the year. A recent case, and one by no means unusual, was the conviction of a non-commissioned officer of the Third Bavarian regiment, who was charged with no less than ninety offenses against the men under him. One soldier was lamed by being struck on the kneecap with a gun-butt, and there were dozens of cases in which recruits were choked, and struck in the face. It was not long since a captain was forced to leave the service after the third conviction for mistreating recruits. The charges against him covered brutal treatment in 140 cases.

The ill treated privates are the ones who today have established a marvelous record of achievement in valorous and skillful fighting. They are the men who have borne the Kaiser's eagles to victory on many a kraiser's field, who have defied the shrieking steel of the sixtante-quize as they have laughed at the leaden hail of the mitrailleuse and the rending horror of the grenade. These are the men who have endured the hardships of winter, the dread presence of mutilation and death, for the sake of that country whose officers they had so great reason to hate. Assuredly, morale is an incomprehensible element in the making of armies. In some instances, put to touch of war, a healthy mass state of troops leads to sudden collapse, while in others, the fire of war seems to purge every hate and every resentment, leaving only the pure gold of utter obedience to orders and utmost sacrifice.

FOR FREE IMPORTATION OF FRUIT IN LONDON

(By the Associated Press) London, Feb. 28.—A plea for the free importation of fruit has been sent to the cabinet in a resolution by the executive committee of the vegetable federal union. It is based on the ground of health, and says: "Any restriction of the present importation of fresh and dried fruit is to be strongly deprecated as tending to cause the lack of essential necessities of a healthy life; as food, the very nectar and ambrosia of the people as a physis, better than all the pills and potions or the pharmacopoeia; and in either case of supreme value for the well being of the community at large."

The resolution deprecates any attempt to shut down on the free entry of fruits as false economy. It says that such an attempt will be resented by the common sense of the country, particularly by the poor, whose children's interests are directly concerned.

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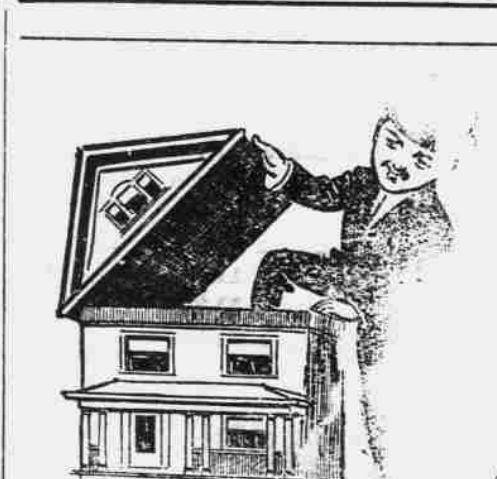
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