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LET'S HAVE FACTS

Hickory people will do well to obtain all the facts and circumstances in the whipping incident at the North school before passing judgment. The trial occurs this afternoon and all the facts, it is to be hoped, will be brought out. The school authorities have a hard time at best in enforcing discipline, and the superintendent here is no exception to the rule. If the present agitation has the effect of letting the public know some of the difficulties which have faced the school management for the past fall, if thereby the public can be made to realize its personal interest in the schools, and if all the parents will aid in preserving order, there will be no need for whipping any boy in the schools.

The Record will not undertake to pass judgment on the case, but it would urge its readers to ask themselves the question of whether the superintendent had rather punish than not punish in cases of disobedience and whether he does it in the interest of the boys themselves. We can make our schools what we want them to be. We can allow the boys to run them, or we can compel the superintendent to do it.

FOR COUNTY BOND ISSUE

The Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting Thursday night went squarely on record as favoring the county as a unit for issuing bonds for good roads, and Hickory is now ready to enter into discussion of the matter. The voters of this township must be shown that the county unit is the best for the county and, shown this, they will act in good faith. If the county should be accepted as the unit, instead of the township as at present, provision would be made for taking care of the bonds already issued by Hickory and Newton townships, these communities would not lose anything, but they would go to the relief of less favored townships. Then Catawba county would have a system of good roads; every person living in the county would be benefited.

HICKORY WILL GET IT

A Carnegie library, while not assured, is a strong probability. It would benefit most those people who are unable to subscribe for magazines and to collect large libraries. It would benefit the Record, the merchants, the wage-earners. It would be a universal boon.

There is not a community anywhere in the United States, once it has obtained a good library, that would relinquish it for three times its cost in dollars and cents. People are not built that way.

The people of Hickory want to see a library here and if we show real interest, we can obtain as good a one as we can support. And Hickory can maintain a good one. Of that there is no doubt.

Governor Bickett is receiving so many compliments on his inaugural address as to cause a less sensible man to feel that he had done enough. But Mr. Bickett realizes that he has just begun the fight.

The community was distressed this week at the passing of two of its good citizens—Mrs. John G. Carrier and Mr. J. O. Rhodes. Both will be missed greatly by their friends.

Notice!

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The First Building and Loan Association of Hickory, N. C., will be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday January 16th, 1917, for the purpose of electing officers, receiving the annual reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. G. R. WOOTTEN, Secretary-Treasurer

GOV. THOMAS WALTER BICKETT

Raleigh Times. It has been said that the State of North Carolina has been so careful to shear the governorship of all the powers that usually go with the position of chief executive that he is apt to spend large portions of his time thinking up foolish things to do. He has no suggestion of legislative power. He has no right to veto. Of positive influence, he has next to none. His duties are routine, varied only by the right of limited appointment and of pardon. Only a few crises, which with the development of the years naturally stand farther apart, does the governor have the opportunity of asserting himself with anything like violence on the life of the state. Even then, what he does is more in the way of moral example than of exercise of legal force.

Yet the office of governor of North Carolina need not be the small position for a small man to swell up in or a big man to fret about. It is a great moral office. It can be made into a position of vast influence. It can serve as director for the people. It holds their respect and they give it large representative authority in the faith of the man they put in it. It can be made ridiculous with ridiculous ease, because it is so hedged about with restrictions. It can be made important for the same reason, that it represents the heart and character of the state in a sense that is not limited by the constitution or the statutes.

The incoming governor of North Carolina is a man to lend the hope that he will get the most out of his office for himself and for the people. He is an able lawyer, with respect for law. He is a man of personal struggle who has won a success on his own. He is one who has been close to the people of the small town and the farm, and in two terms of high state office has come in contact with every phase of character and opinion in the commonwealth. Thomas Walter Bickett has been rubbed and shaped and fashioned for himself. To a homely strain of manner and humor, he has added the culture that comes from participating in affairs in the world, by competition with keen and broad minds. Very reasonably, he has maintained a poise which is the result of an evident straining toward justice. The hopeful thing about our governor is that he is no bigot. He shocked campaign precedent and won an election by an unprecedented majority by going over the state talking sense and charity from the stump. He has kept himself a man who has not disappointed trust, and of whom the faith is easy that he will not disappoint it.

The needs of the state for the next four years have chiefly to do with the development of institutions and systems which we have achieved in principle. The day of hand to mouth

dealing with state functions has passed. We have clung to a mistaken caution out of excess of conservatism and out of hesitancy in using our resources and our power as investments for our own benefit. Educational and charitable institutions must be taken care of with real liberality. Good roads must be fostered. There ought to be a permanent revision of the system of taxation on modern lines. We ought more fully to realize our strength and utilize our capital. If we know Governor Bickett, he will be a man to give these things a powerful impulse in the practical way that is needed. He holds the promise of being a business governor who can still express the things of sentiment out of a life that has touched and experienced the abstract love of a people which we call "patriotism."

If he were not ahead of the average North Carolinian in opportunity and vision, Governor Bickett would not be where he is today; but so far as he has been well proved in a variety of experience, we can regard him in the confidence that he will express that average type for us as the better thought of the state would have it represented.

OLDER THAN BILLY

Statesville Landmark. The Associated Press, reporting the argument of Mr. Hagerman in behalf of the Adamson railroad act, before the United States supreme court, says: "Assessing that the railroads need not be afraid of the United States," and turning to the railroad lawyers, Mr. Hagerman closed by exclaiming and general laughter a quotation from 'Billy' Sunday as follows: "While the lights still hold to burn the vilest sinner may return."

From Billy Sunday indeed! They were singing that from old hymn books before Billy Sunday was born, and we have no idea that the evangelist claims it as his own. Moreover, Mr. Hagerman, the Associated Press or somebody quoted the lines wrong. The correct reading is: "While the lamp holds out to burn"—not "still holds to burn."

THE COST OF DELIVERY

Wilmington Star. For every dollar's worth of goods we order over the telephone, or purchase and have delivered by the merchants, we pay 8 cents. At least the Census Bureau at Washington so announces after an investigation in several cities. A preliminary survey of the subject, recently published, shows that in the city of Washington the delivery of merchandise from the stores to homes costs about 8 per cent of the retail price. It is said that in other cities the cost is

much higher considering the street conditions, the distances and other conditions in no wise anywhere equal to a magnificently paved and compact center, such as the national capital. It is estimated that in New York and Chicago the cost of delivering goods is greater. A large New York department store states that its average expense of delivery, even in the business season is seven cents per package, while the selling price of the average purchase is less than a dollar.

The census bureau naturally concludes that much of the high cost of living is due to our habit of enjoying the convenience of having all our purchases delivered. A regular delivery system costs the merchants a big lot of money, and, of course, they recoup themselves by making their customers pay for the convenience. People are being urged to carry all their light packages with them after they do their shopping, and many stores in the west are even offering a cash discount to purchasers who relieve them of the expense of delivering their purchases—often representing a few cents in value, to be sent at great distances and at great inconvenience to the merchants.

Of course, the government is not endeavoring to show that the high cost of delivering goods accounts for the high cost of living. It is only one of the elements entering into prices paid by consumers. The final cost of any article depends on all the elements entering into its manufacture, transportation, sale and delivery.

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