

the machinery of government should not change; that even though Gutamberg perfected movable types, we should return to the scrawl; that in spite of the advances in every line of endeavor, arts and the scientists, we should not make progress in our

organic laws.

Representative Haymore would repeal the four constitutional amend- be no such diversions this year, and ments by submitting bills to the peo- the organization will do its best Philadelphia Public Ledger. ple, with that end in view, and cerwork. tain Democrats, we learn, would hold a constitutionl convention to accomplish the identic thing. What puzzles us is that some people imagine a constitution adopted in 1868 and amended but once in any important particular should be good enough to endure through the ages. The gentlemen of course want to introduce their little local and private bills, but is there any considerable number in the legislature who would want to repeal the amendments adopted last fall before giving them a chance? Brother Haymore's party made a considerable noise about the amendments some time ago, and we recall that the Hon. A. E. Holton was never so happy as when his convention endorsed them while the Democrats allowed them to go orphaned before the electorate. Will North Carolina never reach that stage when it can devote its best efforts to a constructive program, rather than dissipating its time in trifling matters?

This action was taken in response to a suggestion in the German note The directors of the Chamber of replying to the protest of the United States against the deportion, which Commerce would not have erred in read: any event, but they acted very wisely "If the government of the United in reelecting President J. D. Elliott States attaches enough importance

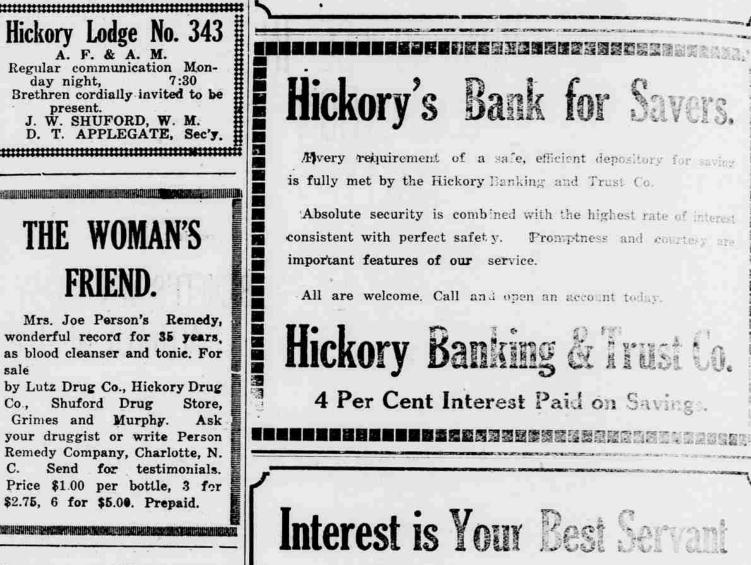
and the other officers. There was to it, a member of its embassy in Berlin would be permitted with pleasmost too much excitement last year ure to inform himself by personal for every member, director and offi- visits about the conditions cer to work to capacity, but there will which these persons are living."

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CONCERNING DEADBEATS

The Record cannot read all of its exchanges carefully, but it would be positive very few things in its near neighbors escape its attetnion, and yet we missed a good one from the Statesville Landmark a while back The Landmark had reproduced an article from the Record on deadbeating one's grocer or dry goods merchant, and emphasized the point made with this:

The deadbeat-the individual who constantly and wilfully and negligently fails and refuses to pay his debts, is simply a thief. His offense isn't so defined in the statute books, but morally it is just that. The Landmark has more respect for the thief who pilfers when your back is turned than for the brazen scounine three who pillers when your back is turned than for the brazen scoun-drel who takes your goods before your face, through deception and fraud. (The thief who pilfers while your back is turned doesn't deceive you, he doesn't pretend that he will make good. (The other thief is not only a robber but a liar. He is morally just as much thief as the other and he adds to that the addi-tional offense, lying and deceiving and causing one to lose confidence in his fellows. If we'd quit apol-ogizing for the deadbeat thieves, call them by their right names and treat them as we do the other kind, the number would be less. Instead it is constantly increased by the kind con-sideration accorded them. We are in indebted to the Davie Record for reproducing the above.

Record for reproducing the above. We cannot add much to it. This subject should be a topic for a thousand sermons from pulpit and press, and the importance of honesty should be stressed 24 hours a day. A man who will buy an article with the purpose in his heart to skin the seller-well, isn't he a thief, pure and simple?

Men who have been going to the



legislature for years are not worry. ing over the tempest raging in several eastern counties over new stock ,law territories. By degrees the state has been coming to the point where the stock law can be made statewide. Opponents of this kind of legislation howl every two years, but as is is forced upon them, and they observe its benefits, they invariably cool off. The open range should be abandoned in North Carolina.