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GIVE THEM A TRIAL

Brother Rastus—or is it Rufus?—L. Haymore of Surry, who has been representing his county in the general assembly for many years, would stand on the same plank with John Jasper or those wise old guys who, with the aid of the torch, forced Ja Vinci to admit that the world was square. Brother Haymore believes that the world does not move. He is of the Republican faith.

But it also is apparent that there are in the general assembly men of the Democratic persuasion who are convinced that although even nature changes in the course of centuries, the machinery of government should not change; that even though Gutemberg perfected movable types, we should return to the scroll; that in spite of the advances in every line of endeavor, arts and the sciences, we should not make progress in our organic laws.

Representative Haymore would repeal the four constitutional amendments by submitting bills to the people, with that end in view, and certain Democrats, we learn, would hold a constitutional convention to accomplish the identical thing. What puzzles us is that some people imagine a constitution adopted in 1865 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?

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 attention, 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 willfully 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 scoundrel who takes your goods before your face, through deception and fraud. (The thief who pilfers while your back is turned doesn't receive 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 additional offense, lying and deceiving and causing one to lose confidence in his fellows. If we'd quit apologizing 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 consideration accorded them.

We are in indebted to the Davie 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 worrying 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 forced upon them, and they observe its benefits, they invariably cool off. The open range should be abandoned in North Carolina.

WITH AND WITHOUT VICTORY

A peace without victory may be all right, but most of the peace treaties, including that signed at Paris between the colonies and England; that peace at the end of the War Between the States; that peace between Spain and the United States—not to mention a score or more of others—were based on victory, and they have been lasting, so far as we are permitted to know. Any peace, however, that disregards national interests, that would take a section of France and give it to Germany, as was the case in the Franco-Prussian peace, or that would dismember the German empire, would not and could not be a lasting peace. There is no getting around an injustice like that. Without saying as much, the president doubtless had it in mind.

We don't now recall how many miles of good roads Davie county has, but that highway between Mocksville and Winston-Salem is a delight to the fellow who is privileged to go over it in some other man's automobile. There was a mass-meeting in Mocksville last week to discuss the issuing of more bonds and while the sentiment, according to the Davie Record, was against that proposition, the meeting was unanimous in raising the tax levy for the upkeep of the roads. Upkeep is the important consideration.

We don't claim to get all the news first; for example, the morning papers cleaned us up on the latest naval engagement in the North sea; but then we put it over our morning friends fairly often, as a great many observant persons testify. The Record is sure that its legislative reports are up to the minute, and it is glad that an appreciative public enables it to provide special news on the doings in Raleigh.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce would not have erred in any event, but they acted very wisely in reelecting President J. D. Elliott and the other officers. There was most too much excitement last year for every member, director and officer to work to capacity, but there will be no such diversions this year, and the organization will do its best work.

The Record is not afraid of the ideas of its subscribers, and it would be glad if two or more would contribute to its columns every day. That would make our circulation grow. There is nothing that quite equals the reader's interest in an article submitted by another reader.

The sentiment of Hickory is against pool rooms. Men who have spent a good deal of time in these places have told members of council that they will back them in their efforts to keep such places out of the city; and there is no doubt as to where the rest of the people stand.

It is good to know that Rev. W. R. Bradshaw is to become pastor of the First Baptist church. Here is a prophet who is an exception to the rule, for he is honored by his own people. Mr. Bradshaw and his people will work together in harmony.

"Villa and Zapita frame up against Carranza at a conference." What difference does that make to Carranza, since these two bandits needed no scrap of paper to make them stick together?

Those Hickory guardsmen are just as worthy as if they had been doing war duty in Mexico. They left here expecting to fight, and it is not their fault that they failed to do it.

GERARD WILL ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF GERMANY

Washington, Jan. 25—Ambassador Gerard at Berlin has been instructed by the state department to accept the German governments offer to permit an investigation of conditions prevailing among Belgians deported into Germany by the military authorities in the conquered section. The department has not as yet been informed of how many men or what machinery will be required to make the inquiry.

This action was taken in response to a suggestion in the German note replying to the protest of the United States against the deportation, which read:

"If the government of the United States attaches enough importance to it, a member of its embassy in Berlin would be permitted with pleasure to inform himself by personal visits about the conditions under which these persons are living."

Philadelphia Public Ledger. Its results will be its justification or its condemnation.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the powers contained in a certain deed of trust given by John F. Smyre and Mary Smyre, his wife, to A. C. Henderson, trustee, to secure a loan of \$300.00, dated Jan. 19, 1916, and default having been made in the payment of the installments therein provided for, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the First National Bank of Hickory, N. C., on Monday, February 5th, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following real estate lying in the city of Hickory, described as follows: Beginning at a stake, corner of colored Friendship Baptist church lot on 13th street and runs S. 66 feet with said street to a stake on an alley then west 90 feet to a stake; then North 66 feet to a stake; then East 90 feet to the beginning. Less a portion conveyed to the Baptist church, leaving a lot 20 by 100 feet on which is located what is known as John Smyre's store. See Book No. 123 page 340 where said deed of trust is recorded. This Jan. 4, 1917. A. C. HENDERSON, Trustee. 1 4 4t Thurs

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

North Carolina, Catawba county. Sarah E. Smith vs Joseph A. Smith.

NOTICE

Served By Publication The defendants above named will take notice that an action as entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Catawba county in which the plaintiff seeks a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, from the said defendant, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the fourth Monday before the first Monday in March, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the court house in Newton, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 4th day of January, 1917. J. T. SETZER, Clerk Superior Court 1 4 4t

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