

Zeb and His Folks

(J. Z. GREEN in The Home.)

"A traction engine does not seem to be satisfactory for pulling a road scrape," said a Monroe township citizen. Six or eight horses can be controlled and will probably do better work than can be done with a traction engine. The engine is frequently out of repair and the road scrape is also occasionally broken by the great power of the engine. Somebody suggests that a traction engine would be the thing for Marshville township. Perhaps it may be, but before spending tax money for an engine the supervisors would do well to first investigate the character of work done by the Monroe township tractor. If a price sufficient is offered teams can be hired to pull road scrapes and the main roads in the township can be pretty well shaped up for the first cost of a traction engine. If the supervisors can't make contracts for teams in the township they can probably bring the teams from Lanes Creek or Goose Creek township and also bring the men along to operate the teams and scrapes.

Perhaps the main reason why more horse power and machinery have not been employed on the public roads in Marshville township is because a sufficient price has not been offered to get this character of work done. Another reason why there are such little results shown is due to the fact that there are about ten times as many men acting as direct supervisors as are needed. The board is so large that it is unwieldy and about all it can hope to do is convert itself into a debating society—unless it could work itself into a decision to employ one man on the job, give him a free hand and hold him responsible for results. A big crowd has never yet transacted either public or private business successfully and we need not hope for any creditably results from a large board of supervisors until they place the authority and responsibility upon fewer men.

"Randolph county has about 200 miles of graded top-soil roads," said a citizen of that county to me last week, and it built these roads at less cost perhaps than a like mileage of roads has been constructed in any other county in the State. The work is done under the county unit plan and the county pays half the cost of the roads and the land-owners the other half. I have made several trips through that county this year and have met hundreds of farmers over there, but I have not as yet heard a single man make any adverse criticism of the methods employed in building the roads, but the whole atmosphere seems to be filled with the good roads spirit and everybody takes pleasure in making expressions of appreciation of the 200 miles of gravel surface road beds that traverse the county in almost every direction.

"Visitors and soldiers welcome to Charlotte!" is the greeting that is extended in box car letters in an advertisement in the Charlotte papers. Why certainly you are welcome—if you are willing to pay for it. For instance, if you should start out to traveling and stop in Salisbury, High Point, Greensboro and other towns where no such welcome is extended you can get good service at the usual price of one dollar for the night's lodging, and if you want your hair trimmed you are relieved of only a quarter. If you should decide to order a glass of milk, you'd have to fork over the nickel as usual. But if you could find no way to get back except to come by way of Charlotte and should lay down the dollar for lodging, as heretofore, you will be kitted. My asked to fish down in your jeans and hunt up another half dollar, just as a reminder that the camps have been located at Charlotte, and this extra half dollar is to pay for the privilege of sleeping one night within three or four miles of the place where the training camp is to be located, and this extra half dollar is also held "in trust" by the genial and clever hotel men as tangible evidence that the "welcome" is duly appreciated by you as a visitor. Then if you are not satisfied at being trimmed of the half dollar extra for lodg-

ing you can go around to the barber shop where you can leave a dime extra for a hair trim just to keep the barber that you are perfectly willing to pay full value for your "welcome." Then if you begin to get weak in the knees and need a little nourishment you can get a nickel glass of milk for a dime. These are just a few instances in which there are opportunities for you to show your appreciation of the "welcome" by extra cash considerations. There are plenty of other places in Charlotte where they want extra cash as a token that you are enjoying yourself while in a great city that has landed a great training camp. Instead of "Watch Charlotte Grow," somebody has been mean enough to suggest that a more appropriate motto at this time would be "Watch Charlotte Trim 'Em."

Crop Report.

Monroe, N. C., Aug. 22, 1917.
The Commercial Appeal,
Memphis, Tenn.,

Dear Sirs:—Retrospection of varying acuteness has been the most interesting and material fact in crop history (development?) for the past fortnight. The crop, as a whole, is sadly in need of rain, and unless it occurs in the next few days practical ruin will attend all crops in a very considerable area of the county. Since the cessation of excessive rains, there have been intermittent, sporadic showers on territory aggregating, possibly, one third of the county. The crop in these fortunate areas is doing fairly well. Intelligent observation is agreed that this crop, no matter how benign the influences which may chaperone it to the end, will be only a moderate one. This disposed of the question of price is the next moot proposition. In this, it is agreed that those current are not high enough. All growers believing that cotton ought to be permitted to skyrocket to, and fraternize with, all other staple commodities in those nerve-racking altitudes beyond the clouds to which they began to migrate to two years and more ago. High cotton, they say, is the rock which will repel, temporarily, at least, the ever-threatening surge of bankruptcy. No apprehension as to labor and no insect damage since last report. Condition, by consensus of opinion, to date, 65%. Very truly yours, Geo. E. Flow.

Charlotte Was Once "Easy."

(From the Charlotte Observer.)
The Washington Star prints a story detailing the operations of a thrifty swindler who impersonated a son of Secretary of the Navy Daniels and who, from all accounts must have found "the pickings good." It goes back as far as July 9, on which date "Herbert Daniels" turned up at the New York Navy Yard, was honor guest at luncheon and succeeded in negotiating a loan of \$20. Later, "Frank Daniels" visited the laboratory of Thomas A. Edison. The famous inventor, fortunately for his pocket book, was "out," but his confidential secretary, Mr. Reese Hutchison, entertained "Mr. Daniels," and incidentally cashed for him a bad check for \$250. Secretary Daniels' "son," on the occasion of this thrifty visit, gave Mr. Hutchison a letter to his "father," and with the presentation of this letter at the Navy Department the fraud came into manifestation. One bit of enterprise on part of the bogus son reminds us. On his rounds he called at the Montclair Academy, in New Jersey, with the representation that he had been commissioned by the Navy Department to establish an encampment on the campus for 200 sailors—then he negotiated a loan. Is this Charlotte's famous "Captain Parker," come to life? It was just at the close of the Spanish-American War that Captain Parker was hurried to Charlotte from Cuba for the purpose of establishing a military camp for 20,000 United States troops. He was sent in such a hurry that he did not have time to pack a suit case—carried only a pocket comb and a tooth brush, and his government check was to follow two days later. While waiting for this check, which was but a mere incidental, the Captain negotiated a site for the encampment and also numerous small loans from \$20 up to how much nobody has ever yet been able to find out, for the newspaper reporter who undertook to investigate along that line got little satisfaction. The similarity in operations induces the belief that the bogus Daniels Jr., will prove to be none other than the Cuban Captain Parker, or a son of the Captain.

Time's Up for the Distiller.

(From the Reidsville Review.)
Not another drop of whiskey will be manufactured in the United States after one o'clock on the night of September 8. All other distilled spirits for use as beverages will cease to be manufactured at the same time. This ruling was made by the food administration after it had been bombarded for several days with a ceaseless flow of telegrams from distillers asking for specific information. The food control law provided that the production should cease thirty days after approval of the measure. The bill was approved August 10 and consequently its provisions would go into effect Sunday and as the internal revenue laws prevent operation of distilleries on the Sabbath a question was raised in the minds of the distillers.

Street car service has been resumed in Kansas City after a 9-day strike of motormen and conductors. In the settlement the carmen gained the privilege of membership in a labor organization and to select committees to deal with grievances, while the car company was victorious in its contention for the "open shop." Charges that the shooting at a street car at Mobile, Ala., Saturday night, in which four men were wounded, two probably fatally, was done by soldiers, caused Federal officers to begin an investigation in conjunction with local officials.

STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES

No end of misery and actual suffering is caused by disorders of the stomach and liver, and may be avoided by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. Give them a trial. They only cost a quarter.

Corinth Personals.

Correspondence of The Journal.
Corinth, Aug. 22.—Mr. Roy Helms and sister, Miss Annie Helms, of Unionville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Bunyan Richardson.
Mrs. Pearl Spray is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alexander.
Miss Lena Barr visited Miss Ethel Price Sunday.
Mr. Frank Fowler is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mattie McCorkle.
Miss Dora Irby of Waxhaw is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bekk.
Miss Eva Helms spent Saturday night at the home of her uncle, Mr. A. B. Helms, in Monroe.
Mr. Floyd McCorkle and Miss Bettie Rape were married Sunday morning at the residence of the officiating magistrate, Mr. R. L. Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle are worthy young people and we wish for them a long and happy life.
Mr. W. R. McCorkle and son, Leroy, of Ellettsville, S. C. are at home attending the Corinth meeting.
Mr. Curtis Helms of Charlotte and sister, Miss Callie Helms of Monroe, visited their aunt, Mrs. Bertie Helms, Sunday.
Mrs. Vena Starnes of Charlotte attended the meeting at Corinth Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Helms of Monroe visited the former's sister Mrs. B. F. Helms, Sunday.
Mrs. Francis Watts of Monroe spent Sunday night with her son, Mr. Jeff Watts.—Farm Girl.

Issues Bulletin on Teeth.

"The Care of the Teeth," special bulletin No. 58 just issued by the State Board of Health, without mining terms and without dealing with technicalities, sets forth the fundamentals of the prevention of teeth diseases.

"The teeth were placed at the gateway or inlet to the human body to adequately provide the very first of the vital processes which go on within the human body of converting the food we eat into muscle, bone, brain and brawn," says the bulletin. "With dirty, decayed, diseased, broken, missing teeth we can no more expect to properly chew or grind our food than a miller with dirty, broken or defective millstones could be expected to properly grind his corn of wheat.

"A well cared for mouth and set of teeth are a mark of well being, refinement and character. A dirty, vile smelling mouth is a reproach to anybody and a partial set of decayed, diseased snags and remnants of teeth are so many monuments to the owner's stupidity, ignorance and indolence. Bad teeth are an unnecessary evil, a sin of omission."
With a simple statement of the story of the teeth and injunctions regarding their early care, the bulletin sets forth the three principal tooth disorders: Decay, tartar, and Rig's disease. A competent dentist, as early as the signs of the disease are recognized, is urged as the first essential of providing remedy. As for prevention, the bulletin sets out the simple expedient of a tooth brush frequently used, and a semi-annual visit to a dentist for purpose of examination.

Two airplanes flying at high speed crashed together 800 feet in the air at the Armour Heights aviation camp near Toronto, Canada. One of the machines, bursting into flames and plunged to earth, killed the aviator, Cadet S. H. J. Door of New York. The victim's neck was broken, and his body badly burned. The other aviator, whose name is withheld by the Royal Flying corps, was able to manage his machine and reached earth safely.

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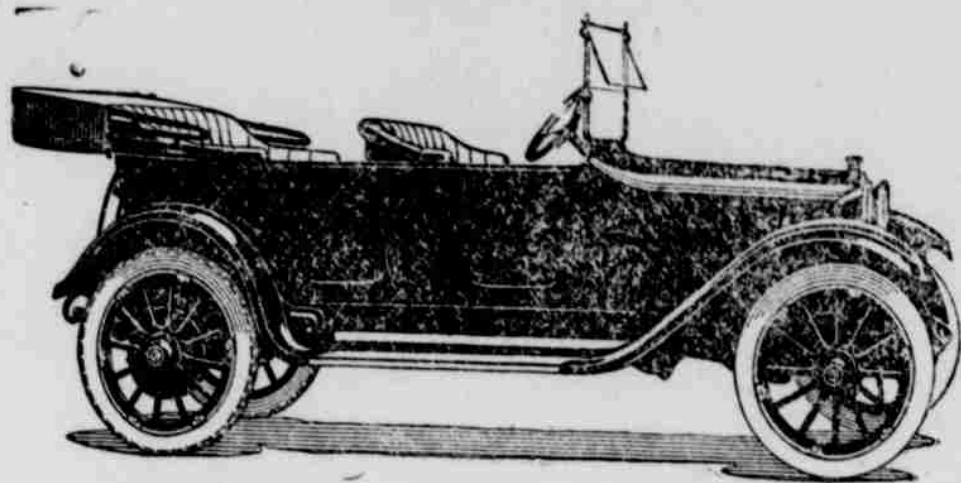
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A delegation of New York negroes had called on President Wilson to protest against race riots in East St. Louis, Illinois, and other parts of the country. They issued a statement in which they said the President had promised that everything possible would be done by the Federal government to punish the offenders and prevent similar offenses in the future.

Co-operative purchasing of materials for ship construction has been decided by representatives of the country's ship building plants, to eliminate competition and insure prompt delivery of supplies. A central purchasing officer will be named to work with Maj. R. E. Wood, purchasing officer for the emergency fleet corporation.

Secretary Baker has warned the mayors of cities near army training camps or cantonments that they will be held responsible for maintenance of wholesome moral conditions in their communities. If the desired results cannot be obtained in any other way, the Secretary said in a letter to the mayors, he will not hesitate to move camps to other sites.

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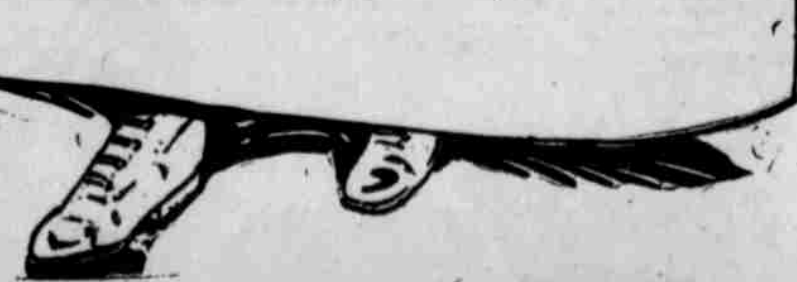
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