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**The Suffrage Situation**

It seems that the suffrage situation is in a hopeless muddle, at least so far as the coming presidential election is concerned.

While the Tar Heel ratificationists were holding jubilee in Raleigh over the ratification of the nineteenth by the legislature of Tennessee, forces were already at work in the latter state to defeat suffrage though it had already been ratified and also though Tennessee itself furnished the necessary three fourths to amend.

North Carolina had actually referred it forward for the regular session which meets too late for the women to vote in the coming election even if that body should ratify, which is extremely doubtful. Vermont definitely turned a deaf ear to all the entreaties of suffrage people from President and presidential candidates down. One forlorn hope remained Tennessee.

The measure duly passed both houses. A motion to reconsider was introduced. A restraining order was at the same time issued by other judiciary against certifying the ratification to the federal government until reconsideration was made. The minority group, realizing that reconsideration would net them nothing, rather than it would make their defeat more decisive, gathered up enough legislators to break a quorum and left for Alabama until the special session shall close. Meanwhile majority leaders declaring that state laws regarding quorum are not necessary are proceeding with business. It will take the court at least a year and a half or possibly longer to untangle the situation by which time, of course a new president will have been elected and inaugurated.

If some unforeseen power the thirty sixth state should ratify soon it is highly improbable that women would vote except in states already having equal suffrage. Nearly all states have laws requiring citizens to register at least a month or so before election and most of them require longer payment of poll tax several months prior to election a requisite. Altogether ladies the situation is temporarily hopeless the eventually inevitable. Then too election comes every four years.

**Meting Out Punishment**

It is interesting to observe the change of ideas as to how the guilty shall be punished. As the ages have slipped by there is a decided change in the manner of meting out punishment. We have all heard of the old times in England when there were as many as three hundred crimes for which the penalty of death was prescribed. Today the death penalty is not often resorted to.

Courts are finding ways to punish violators that are humane and supposed to reform while punishing. The ice man a few days ago in a city was convicted of giving short weights and the sentence of the court was that he should furnish ice free to the injured customer, thus showing that he, the ice man, was not supposed to take from his customer anything that was not just and due. The idea was that the ice man would be thoroughly impressed that it does not pay to give short weights.

Another court had to deal with wayward boys who had rocked a building. The sentence of the court was that the boys were to go out with an officer and vigorously throw rocks for an hour.

Boys in this city have been required to attend Sunday school as part of the sentence of the court, and no doubt the effect was all that was expected.

The problem is how to make a better man of the guilty man or boy and how to line him up again for the duties that the normal man is supposed to perform. Any punishment that fails to have the reformation idea connected with it is not in line with human justice.

**T. H. King.**

Mount Airy is losing one of its best citizens in the removal of Rev. T. H. King, pastor of the First Baptist church. Rev. King has been in Mount Airy nearly ten years and has endeared himself to hundreds of families Baptists and others as well during his stay here. During his administration the church membership has grown rapidly, the splendid new edifice has been completed and is one of the finest in the state. Rev. King besides being a good preacher is a man of pleasing personality, a good mixer and a man of deep spirituality. His many friends bid him God speed in his new work and new home at Gastonia.

Miss May Robinson returned Tuesday from a visit to friends in High Point.

**How There is a Car Shortage.**

Scarcity and high prices of almost every conceivable article from coal to white paper is being laid at the door of "Car Shortage." People generally finding themselves unable to buy commodities that they need or to market their products are told that it is a result of "Car Shortage," naturally there is a wide interest in the question as to why this "Car Shortage" and why it should not be brought promptly to an end. The reasons assigned by the railroads, and they seem very plausible are (1) That during the war business increased by leaps and bounds but the facilities for handling this increase were not in proportion to the increase in business. During twenty-six months of Federal control 100,000 freight cars were contracted for but only 99,000 were put into service. During ten years preceding Federal control there were added to the freight equipment 1,202,587 cars or an average of 120,258 cars per year and retired a total of 924,164 cars or an average of 92,416 cars per year. From these facts it is seen that during the twenty-six months of Federal control fewer cars were put in service than the railroads had acquired during each year of the preceding ten year period and only a small number more than the railroads had retired during each year of the same ten year period. (2) During the war the entire plant of the railroads were operated with highest speed, all effort being centered on winning the war regardless of future consequences to the railroad. So it was at the end of the Federal control the railroads found themselves facing a rising tide of commerce with equipment insufficient to handle the increased business. Until the railroads were returned to private ownership it was impossible for them to undertake financing new equipment purchases, and conditions since the first of March, the date of return to private ownership have been most unfavorable. In the petition filed by the railroads with the Inter Commerce Commission asking for increased freight rates, they show that the stronger roads had to pay 7 per cent interest for money and the weaker roads could not borrow it at any rate. Since the commission has allowed an increase in freight rates the railroads feel hopeful that they will be enabled thereby to improve transportation facilities—it will be gradual however and they ask that the public will be patient.

**Stamping Out Typhoid.**

As time goes by modern science is gradually stamping out diseases that are due to unsanitary conditions. This is illustrated by the progress that has been made as to fever. Not so many years ago the people supposed that typhoid would be one of the pests each summer. Now it is rare. In the town of Elkin there has not been a case of fever this year and the same is true of Pilot Mountain, while here in Mount Airy there are only six cases according to the local health officer. This is a decided improvement over other years, and when the people wake up to the demands of the law that is supposed to bring about more cleanly conditions there will be even less disease.

**States Youngest Bee Man**

Mount Airy boasts having the youngest bee man of North Carolina. He goes by the name of Ben Franklin Johnson and is just past thirteen years of age. He is in partnership with his brother, F. L. Johnson. Ben goes to school in the winter time while the bees have nothing to do, but when the bees begin to work so does Ben. He goes out with his brother and braves the dangers of the bee industry side by side with his big brother. While other boys have been taking a vacation he has been taking honey from the bees.

Now he is off for a two weeks vacation himself, before school starts. Monday morning he shouldered his shot gun equipped himself with plenty of ammunition and "old clothes" and went to stay with his uncle Jim Hart who is a farmer and lives on the Yadin river.

Ben is going to spend two weeks brim full of happiness, contentment, and adventure. He will have nothing to do but eat, sleep, sucker tobacco (when he wants to), swim, fish and hunt. That would be a vacation that would bring joy to the heart of a crown up even. He will come back to school much more a man because he has worked as well as played though he has had to work.

**Future Land Sales.**

The Linville-Ball-Hutchens land company have two important sales coming in the near future. On Sept. 1 they will sell the B. D. McKaughan farm of 160 acres near Rockford at public auction. This is one of the best improved farms in this section of the county and will no doubt bring a fancy price.

On Sept. 8 the same company will sell at auction four acres of the Gallaway orchard between Main and Willow streets in Mount Airy. The land will be sub-divided into twenty one building lots. This is a good residence district and will be a splendid opportunity for some one to get a good home.

**STRAY DOG**—A stray dog has come to my home in Mount Airy and the owner can get him by calling. The dog is large, white with big black spots. Unless called for soon this dog will be disposed of as the law prescribes. J. E. Johnson, Mount Airy.

**That Phone Bell**

The "phone bell rang in the News office and the business man at the other end was impatient. He wanted to know if he could get a job and get it right now. Right now meant in the next two hours and he wanted it done without fail, for the matter was pressing to him. A prompt answer was given as he furnished a copy. In ten minutes his copy was in the office and Howard Schumaker was making the Linotype hum setting up the body of the job while Will Johnson was doing the hand work. In an hour the two presses were clicking away, the Chandler and Price knocking out one part of the job and the automatic Miller feeder delivering the other part. In two hours the job was ready for the man and he was delighted.

Now, Mr. Business man, allow us to call your attention to a few points that naturally come to light in the above narrative. In the first place the business man was in a hurry; just why is his business. But he wanted a "rush job." It was not a question of price or quality just then with him, he needed prompt service. And he was able by calling up The News office to get the use of two good printers and a \$4,000 Linotype and two of the finest job presses that are made.

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You would be surprised to know how often business men find themselves in a rush for work. They are busy and allow themselves to get entirely out of stationery or contracts or bills and envelopes, and all at once they find that they are tied up until they can get the printer to deliver the job. Now The News office is prepared to render the service that this man wants. Of course it is not always possible to do work on the jump, but it has long been our policy to take care of the man who finds himself in a hole because of no stationery.

If you have not already learned all this the next time you want work hurry down to The News office or use the 'phone. You will be satisfied with the deal you get.

**Words of Appreciation.**

Words of appreciation are as sweet music to the human ear, especially if that ear happens to be the alert ear of a newspaper man or woman, for she thinks no set of people value praise more than newspaper folk, not solely because of the pleasure that praise brings, but because words of appreciation are the thermometer by which we take the temperature of the public regarding our work, to see whether or not it is satisfactory.

A subscriber from Charlotte visited here recently she said "you people are getting out a fine paper now, I certainly enjoy it and would not be without it." A busy matron said "I just have to stop all work when the postman comes Thursday morning. I don't want to do a thing until I read every thing in The News."

A business woman says:—"The News force is getting out a good paper every week, I enjoy it, it is full of news."

**Prominent Young Farmer Passes**

Mark Snoddy aged 34 years, died at Martin Hospital last Sunday night from acute appendicitis. He worked in his tobacco fields on Friday, was taken sick that night and brought here for treatment Sunday. He was strong and healthy until his fatal illness. Mr. Snoddy was a prominent young farmer in Westfield township and leaves a wife, but no children. He was the son of A. F. Snoddy and stood high among all those who knew him. The remains were laid to rest at Indian Graves on Tuesday.

**Tobacco Market Opens Sept. 15.**

The Tobacco Board of Trade of this city have set Wednesday, Sept. 15th as the date for opening the market here. Farmers are urged to get their tobacco to market in the best condition possible and be sure and not have it in too high order, as the labor problem makes it very unsatisfactory for the buyers to handle tobacco that is not in good condition for keeping. A little care in this respect will insure the farmer of getting a better price for his tobacco.

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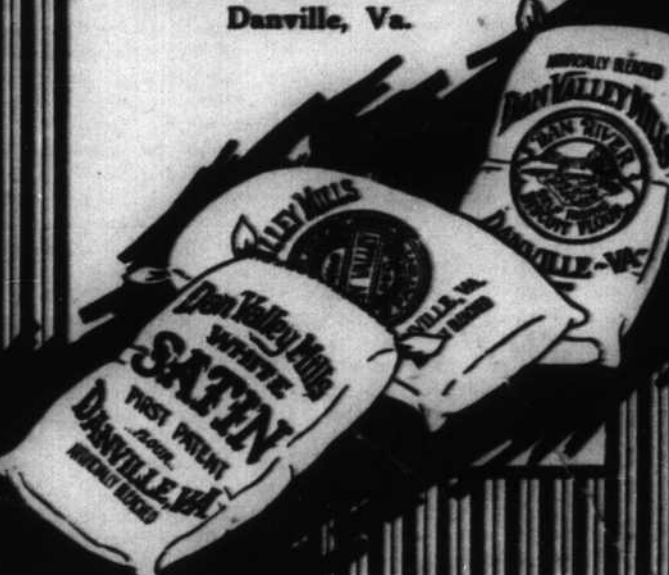
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