

Friday, Aug. 25, 1916

The Cemetery road must not be allowed to become a dead issue.

Have you loosened up for the baseball deficit?

Well we'll get \$315,000,000.00 of preparedness, anyhow!

We'll soon know how "Maine went".

Servia is another corpse that won't stay dead.

French gain three miles - going Somme!

Never fool with a fool - he may fool you.

It all goes to show you cannot beat the Deutschland.

Not only King Cotton, but also Princess Nicotine!

No Jubilee movement has been started yet by the Brotherhood of small boys looking toward the opening of the schools early in September.

What has become of the old fashioned Board of Trade that used to agitate in Roanoke Rapids for a free bridge, a greater city and a new hotel?

"Archduke Karl Succeeds Von Hindenburg" - a step we suspect meets with the entire approval of the Russian General Staff.

President Wilson will be notified of his renomination for President by the Democratic party on September 2. We think it is absolutely crool the way these political parties keep their candidates in suspense for so long.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating sayeth ye old saw and many there be who walked the cemetery road Sunday for the first time in months and who are vehement in their belief that something ought to be done about it right way.

A Correction is Made

We hasten to correct a statement made in the editorial headed "Perseverance Necessary" which appeared in last week's HERALD. The statement that "the County Road Board..... has declined to act, tendering a counter proposition to have a road opened up by the town of Roanoke Rapids along Fifth Street....." was inaccurate. The Road Board proposed that the Town of Roanoke Rapids build a road from Roanoke Avenue to the corporate limits along Fifth Street and that the rest of the community by voluntary contribution complete the road from the corporate limits to the Cemetery. The Board also offered to guarantee the maintenance of this road until the Town of Roanoke Rapids should open up Fifth Street, which will probably not be done for several years.

According to this proposition the town of Roanoke Rapids would only have to construct about half of the road in lineal feet but considerably more than half in dollars and cents as the greater portion of the swamp, across which would road construction would be abnormally expensive, lies in the corporate

limits of Roanoke Rapids.

We understand that this proposition will be so modified that one half of the cost of the entire road will be paid by the town of Roanoke Rapids and the other half will be raised by private subscriptions from the rest of the community. Although this latter proposition will not distribute the cost of this road so equitably as if the entire road were laid out of the public road funds, it is the fairest proposition that has been made and it is probably the fairest the town can obtain.

The present cemetery road is disgraceful and some step should be decided upon immediately which will insure at least a decent approach to the cemetery before another winter sets in.

A Judgement Coming To Daniels

President Wilson once explained that he reached his conclusions regarding affairs in Mexico by listening to liars talk, and then balancing off their stories. Similarly the American people may eventually arrive at a just estimate of the administration of Josephus Daniels in the navy department; but probably they will get the best line on the situation on or about March 4, next, in case Mr. Wilson is re-elected. If Mr. Daniels is retained in the next cabinet his assailants may as well shut up.

The northern press without exception, so far as we have seen, is howling for Daniels' head. Even the World, the administration mouthpiece, after the Tipperary episode, put the withering inquiry of why should a navy that has Josephus Daniels for secretary want to sing? On the other hand, a few months ago the World devoted a page to an able defense of Mr. Daniels by George Creel; and since then he has found another defender in an English observer, who gave high praise to the efficiency of the navy under his administration.

However, the Sun finds one of its chief arguments against the administration in the slogan, "A vote for Wilson is a vote for Daniels." The Hearst papers are eternally after him, and one of the favorite indoor sports of the 15-cent magazines for some time has been having Daniels written up by their fanciest muckrakers. Much of this criticism is obviously based on malice—the snarls of disappointed contract-seekers, and disgruntled officers. But some of it, as, for instance the article by Burton J. Hendrick in the World's Work, appears to be honest.

The propitiation of the Bryan element in the Democratic party is given by all hands as the explanation of Daniels' presence in the cabinet. If Mr. Wilson is re-elected, that explanation will be removed in his second cabinet, for he will owe no debt to the Bryan element. The one man who knows whether Daniels is a help or a hindrance to the administration is, of course, the President. The hue and cry after the secretary of the navy is not likely to become so great as to force the President to the embarrassing necessity of throwing him to the wolves before the election; but afterward, if he is successful, there is no reason why Mr. Wilson should continue to carry an encumbrance; nor, if Mr. Daniels has been efficient, will there be any reason why he should dispense with a good official merely to satisfy critics who have already done their worst.

If the Democrats lose the election there will be no way on earth of judging the Daniels administration except by the President's policy of balancing lies. But if they win, the question of whether his influence on the navy department has been good or bad will resolve itself into, will he, or will he not, be in the next cabinet? - Greensboro Daily News.

A Statement

I have been reliably informed that statements are being made freely by certain parties to the effect that I am not a candidate for the position of tax collector for this township for the coming year.

I wish to inform the public generally and my friends in particular that these statements are absolutely false and I consider it very unfair that such statements should have been made.

W. P. VAUGHAN, Tax Collector.

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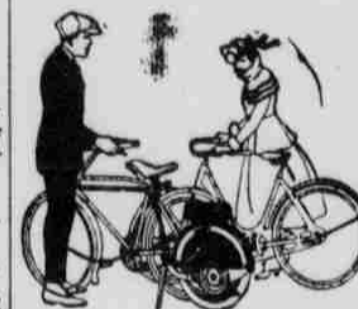
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