

What the State Press is Saying

Out of Date.

(From the Wilmington Dispatch.)
We favor di-voce.

Something.

(From the Durham Herald.)
Something will have been accomplished if the government can convince Wall street that it is no longer running the thing.

Puts It Strong.

(From the Ashboro Courier.)
Walter Thompson did not miss it far when he came to the conclusion that Dr. W. L. Poteat was the ablest man in North Carolina.

Don't Ask Embarrassing Questions.

(From the Greensboro Record.)
If a woman is arrested for vagrancy and has a child or two, what becomes of the children in the event the woman is sent to the workhouse?

Talking to Raleigh.

(From the Greensboro News.)
But what does Raleigh care for a fire-proof school building, since fire-proof structures cost money? Shall the lives of a few school children outweigh some thousands of perfectly good dollars? Perish the thought.

Right This Time.

(From the Charlotte Observer.)
We believe we can assert without fear of successful contradiction that no city of similar size in the entire South, and but few in the country, have the ample and excellent hotel facilities now possessed by Charlotte.

Plenty of Them This Year.

(From the Cleveland Star.)
Gaston county is preparing for its first county commencement next spring. They are growing more general every year. Cleveland county's was a great success last year and education got a stirring up that will be felt for years to come.

A Feather in Her Cap.

(From the Wilmington Star.)
They are trying to popularize housekeeping among the society girls of Washington. It ought to be a feather in a beauty's cap to be ranked as a practical girl. A girl who knows how to cook ought to be just as stuck up about it as a young fellow who plays the leading part in an amateur performance.

Is It Possible?

(From the Tarboro Southerner.)
The cost of maintaining our courts, jails and police is about \$15 per head for every man, woman and child in the land. More crimes are being committed. Is it not about time to inquire if there is not something fundamentally wrong or unneeded methods to prevent, deter or safeguard against crime? Is it not possible that crime is a disease and should be so treated?

Stand By, But Sensibly.

(From the Pender Chronicle.)
Stand by your town. Not a dollar invested there but some good comes of it. There is no family like one's own family; there is no wife like one's own wife; there should be no town like one's own town, where we live, educate our children, on whose streets our babies play, and where we may some day sleep. Let the newspaper stand by the town, and let the business men stand by the newspapers, and let us make our home as famous as possible.

Old Joe on Music.

(From the Greensboro Record.)
Most singers cannot be understood, even when singing in English, so what's the difference if they sing in Italian? In fact it is a positive advantage to hear Italian, for you know before you open your ears that you will not understand the words and you are content to hear the music, the harmony, the "concord of sweet sounds."

A Smart One.

(From the Rowland Sun.)
In our opinion, one of the smartest statesmen in President Wilson's cabinet is David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, a native of North Carolina. He has revolutionized things in the Agricultural Department, and makes it of more benefit to the whole country than ever before. Among other thing improvements is the is sent to all crop correspondents and newspapers.

Modest In Its Wants.

(From the Reidsville Review.)
"Reidsville is feeling its oats because it has developed a large tobacco manufacturing industry, and can afford to be saucy to Greensboro, Durham, Danville and even Winston-Salem," declares the esteemed Wilmington Star. Reidsville has no desire to be saucy with those towns. We love them dearly. In fact this town would be at peace with the outside world if only the Southern would condescend to give us a decent passenger depot.

The Rural B. and L.

(From the Hickory Democrat.)
We are glad to see the farmers of Catawba county awakening to a realization of the benefits to be derived from a Rural Building and Loan Association. The cities and towns have had the benefit of these associations for years, but this is the first attempt to organize a Rural Credit Association in North Carolina, and it speaks well for the progressiveness of Catawba and adjoining counties that they should introduce this system in this State.

Does This Solve the Mystery?

(From the Creedmoor Times.)
It has often been a mystery to us for many years why a lawyer should be allowed to abuse and vilify witnesses under examination in court and the poor "devil" have to submit to such vilification without any recourse whatever. Then if a witness comes back and abuses the lawyer, he is liable to be sued for libel. There is a screw loose somewhere, but upon second thought we had forgotten the fact that the lawyers make the laws—presumably for their own benefit.

A Success in Forsyth.

(From the Winston Sentinel.)
From all reports the whole-time health officer plan is already proving decidedly successful in this county and the beneficial results of the new movement will doubtless be even more apparent in the future, when the organization of the work is perfected to a greater extent than is possible in a few short months. In our opinion, the medical inspection of school children is an especially good feature of the work and should in itself be sufficiently valuable to justify the adoption of the new plan. Adequate medical inspection in the public schools has proven of much benefit wherever it has been undertaken. The only wonder is that the adoption of the idea has been delayed so long in many places.

This is a Mistake.

(From the Lenoir News.)

A correspondent in this issue refers to some counties of the State abolishing the office of county treasurer and using the banks to act in this capacity thus saving the expense of this office.

Good business methods would seem to favor this kind of management of public funds and the more progressive counties are adopting the plan.

(This would be the most serious mistake that could be made. It would inevitably bring the banks into local politics, and there is already too much of that now. Where county treasurers are not needed, the work can be done by the sheriff, who already handles the money, and the register of deeds, who already writes all the orders.—The State Journal.)

On Dangerous Ground.

(From the Oxford Orphan's Friend.)

Dr. Richard Root Smith, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will have to do some grand and rapid traveling if he does not leave slender women alone. It is a pretty good idea in general and at all times to put on the soft pedal when a question of interest to the ladies is up for discussion, but to come right out and say that the slender woman has not physical stamina and endurance of her more generously modeled sister, or in any other way to draw invidious comparison—why, the doctor is simply looking for trouble with a searchlight and burglar's jimmy. The doctor has reached the ripe old age of ninety-two and his serviceable, and well-spent life entitles him to many privileges, but he is treading on very dangerous ground.

You Know a Plenty.

(From the Moore County News.)
We understand that about twenty new houses will be built in Carthage during 1914. This will add materially to our prosperity. The town property here is not evenly taxed in many instances but while we do not know it all still we believe that there is some vacant property in the business part of town which should be developed or else made to bear its proportionate part of our burdens of taxation as it stands. There is no reason why property that could add to the appearance and business betterment of a town should be allowed to be idle while so many are anxious to improve it and pay the improved rate of taxation.

Too much idle land is the burden we are bearing in Moore. Why is it idle? Because the people who own it will not sell it. Then let them pay taxes on it in proportion to what it would bring on the market.

Wouldn't Freeze—Lost the City Printing.

(From the Asheville Gazette-News.)

When the Carter investigation came on the only thought of this paper was to report the court proceedings, accurately and fully. It became apparent very soon that this policy would prove highly displeasing, in directly interested quarters. What was demanded was our allegiance to The-God-of-Things-as-They-Were. The thing particularly desired was that The Gazette-News should "freeze down" the reports, that it should handle things more judiciously, like the morning paper; that it made little difference what happened in the court room so long as this paper did not publish the facts to the world. Compliance with these suggestions should not go unrewarded. Financial aid would be made available, if need be. If the paper did not see its way clear to comply, why, a newspaper could not expect advertising support from those to whom it

was almost daily giving offense. We believe that the public understands pretty well whether the paper did its duty by its readers.

Later the Gazette-News seemed to be drawn into the Adams affair by the force of circumstances. Viewing those events retrospectively, we do not believe the paper, at any times, made any statement, or drew any conclusion, not warranted by the facts. Corrupt practices were not alleged against Judge Adams. But highly improper, illegal, injudicious and altogether unfortunate acts were not only alleged but clearly established, and it was made equally as clear to the people that the Aldermen owed a duty to the public and to the cause of justice, which they have never yet performed. We have been amazed to find that perhaps a majority of the impeachment court agreed with the Gazette-News in the main; but for some reason which no one has attempted to illumine, the views of the several members are not conformable to the verdict of the court. In the very nature of the case, law enforcement in this city is very largely in a state of suspended animation. This is another thing we are persuaded, which is pretty well understood, both at home and abroad.

[Because the paper wouldn't "freeze" the Aldermen took away its job of city printing. Do such things go on in North Carolina generally?—The State Journal.]

How to Help Him.

(From the Wilmington Dispatch.)

Far Eastern North Carolina is rejoicing in the fact that big tracts of lands are being sliced into small farms, and are being sold and cultivated. It is a matter to rejoice over, and a fine example to follow. Not that the big farm is not a good thing, because it is, and there are farmers each owning hundreds and hundreds of acres who are greatly benefitting the country. Still the small farm is of great benefit, of greater benefit in a way. The more farms there are, naturally the greater number of people being benefited. It means more land-owners; more people in business for themselves. This is bound to count, not only for more individuals, but for a community as a whole. It counts in the interest of the people, as a man is bound to be more interested and do harder work when he is so vitally concerned, and it also means more in actual dollars and cents. Money is being better divided and the country is really belonging to more people.

Numerous small farms, in place of two or three giant sized ones, also mean, it seems to us, more scientific farming, as a farmer can pay more attention to a small tract of land than he can to one of vast proportions. Small farms, too, will help the "back-to-the-farm" movement. Let the small farms multiply and flourish.

[Well said, and now we hope the Dispatch will take up the question of how to encourage the people to secure small farms. It is not the large farm in actual cultivation that hurts. It is the large UNUSED tracts of land held for a rise that keeps the small farmer from multiplying. Tax UNUSED land at its sale price, and do not tax improvements that a man makes, and the small farmers will join the "back-to-the-land" movement in droves.—The State Journal.]

To know what you prefer instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer is to have kept your soul alive.—Stevenson.

Some of the fellows are just waiting for the water wagon to turn a sharp corner so they can fall off.—Farmville Enterprise.