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Greensboro business men have raised \$1,000 to help complete in Randolph county a section of the road that will join Greensboro and Pinehurst.

Lieutenant Governor E. L. Daught-ridge is on duty at Raleigh as Governor for a few days while Governor Craig is out of the State until August 10 filling engagements for addresses in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

For the first time in its history, the Alabama state Republican convention, held at Birmingham Wednesday, was without any negro delegates. They were barred by the executive committee, and it was expected there would be a fight to admit them, but it did not materialize.

With a billion and nearly three hundred million dollars in gold coin and bullion stored in treasury vaults and about \$600,000 more of coin in circulation, treasury officials say the United States has no cause for alarm over the tremendous shipments of gold from New York to war-clouded Europe.

For the first time in the history of the government the affairs of the department of state will be directed from a North Carolina city when Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan reaches Asheville some time next week and establishes official headquarters for the department of which he is the official head.

Taylorsville Scout says Dr. R. Z. Linney writes that he has just harvested over 10,000 bushels of wheat.

If you see anybody with several ingrowing pains, it is a calamity howler who has just learned that the estimate for the year's corn crop has been increased from 2,868,000,000 bushels to 3,000,000,000.

Chathamites are hard to beat. Mr. J. R. Rives, now living in Lee county, this year raised a cantaloupe that weighed 30 pounds.

Those North Carolina farmers who produced plenty of wheat to sell will get big prices for the grain, as will also those farmers who raised plenty of corn. War invariably causes the price of foodstuffs to soar.—Raleigh Times.

The Philadelphia Record ridicules the calamitous and clamorous New York Sun for claiming that New York will elect 21 Republican Congressmen this Fall. In view of the fact that the Sun hopes the Republicans will control Congress, the people should pray fervently against any possible resumption of the freebooting which caused the people to put the Republicans out of business in 1912.

Major James Daniel Richardson, aged 71 years, sovereign grandcommander of the Scottish Rite Masons, Southern Jurisdiction, died Friday afternoon at his home in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He was a Confederate veteran and served as a representative in Congress for 18 years, being leader of the Democratic minority when he refused to accept another nomination some years ago.

Complete agreements on the sundry civil and general deficiency appropriation bills were reached this week by the Senate and House conferees. The Indian appropriation bill is the only supply measure left for conference. A provision in the general deficiency bill authorizes the Treasury to adjust claims for \$175,000 due heirs of Confederate officers in connection with prior service in the United States army.

The House committee on postoffices has decided to eliminate the clause of the bill under which assistant postmasters in offices of first and second class would be exempted from civil service protection. This action is due to a desire to pass the bill quickly and avoid Republican filibustering. At present thousands of assistant postmasters in offices of these classes are Republicans, having held over from the last administration.

Mr. L. A. Lipe has brought suit in Buncombe Superior court for the recovery of \$3,000 from the Southern Railway company, alleging that by reason of the failure of the company to keep its bell cord in proper repair, he lost the hearing of his left ear. He claims that while working on the engine the fireman was attempting to repair the bell cord when the whistle was blown within proximity to the plaintiff's ear, the drum being burst.

The temperance committee of the Georgia state senate has voted to report adversely the McNeill bill to legalize the manufacture and sale within the state of beer containing not more than 4 per cent alcohol. The measure was opposed by state temperance organizations. The sale of near-beer now is legal in Georgia.

New proposals submitted by the federal mediators at Chicago in an effort to avert a strike of 55,000 engineers and firemen on 98 Western railroads have been under consideration by both sides. Judge Knapp, of the mediation board, said he hoped the proposals would bring peace, but that the situation was still grave.

That the Rothschilds of Paris and London purchased 100,000 acres of Lower California lands from the Huerta government in Mexico a month ago for one cent an acre and that Victoriano Huerta received \$500,000 for allowing the sale is charged by Gen. Carranza, in a message to his agents in the United States.

Driven desperate by inability to purchase habit-forming drugs under the new prohibition law in Rochester, N. Y., eight victims of drugs, all young men, Thursday applied to the police and were locked up. They declared if they were not placed in confinement they feared they would either commit murder or self destruction.

In a comparative statement inserted in the record of the House of Representatives showing the individual income tax paid by 14 Southern States in proportion to the population of each, North Carolina ranks twelfth. This State paid a total of \$46,566.55, according to the figures submitted, its population being given as 2,206,287, and the amount paid per 1,000 population, \$21.11.

**A DAILY PRAYER**

Fathers, mothers, teachers, all who have the training and guidance of children, will you not add this petition to the daily prayer of those entrusted to your care: Almighty God, Father of all Mercies, help me to be kind to animals, and incline also, I pray Thee, the hearts of men and children everywhere to be kind to them and to prevent cruelty to the birds and beasts of the world over. Amen.

This brief prayer was born in the heart of a great lover of animals, under circumstances that recalled vividly his early days. He cannot help thinking of it as a means of unmeasured good if only it could be taught to the heart of childhood and become one of the ends for which it lives and prays.—Exchange.

**FORMER ARMIES OF WORMS**

It has been about 25 years since the army worm cut much of a figure in this part of the country. It was in this country that a farmer says that it crossed Neuse River on the Seaboard Air Line track north of the city, got to his farm, destroyed everything there and then he declares took the back-track. He adds that so many of the worms got on the track that a railway force had to be employed to shovel them off and extra quantity of sand was necessary to make the locomotive wheels grip the rails. The army worm sometimes eats every thing in its path and then again is rather particular as to diet. This Wake county farmer declares that it was so greedy it ate the fascicles from the pine trees on his place and between it and the place already referred to.—The Raleigh Times

**OVERHEARD CONVERSATION**

Why this story has not been aired long ago is a wonder. One day about the time Mr. W. C. Hammer was preparing to take over the office of United State district attorney, he was sitting in Mr. A. E. Holton's office in Winston, O. A. Keen, a postoffice inspector for the Wilson district came in and not noting the presence of Mr. Hammer, proceeded to tell his friend Holton how he was working things to keep Republicans in the post offices. They do say that Mr. Holton "winked and blinked" to beat the band, but Keen was not keen enough and he kept on talking. Mr. Hammer was in plain view; there was no reason why he should not hear and tell what he heard. Why he did not tell the story at once we do not know. He was not eavesdropping. What they will do to Mr. Keen will make him wish he had been keener. But what he told Holton is an old story. Republicans have been playing the game for forty years. A Democrat who happened to be found in an office under a Republican administration was fired as quick as a shot can be fired from a rapid-fire gun. But when the Democrats are in control, they seem to be unable to do the job. Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, in his letter to The Charlotte Observer airs the whole thing and says they are after Mr. Keen with sharp knives, the only thing needed being the affidavit of Mr. Hammer, which we imagine will be forthcoming very soon.

**HIS PREFERENCE**

"Dearest, I would die for you."  
"I know you would, my Mabel, but I like your hair better as it is."

**SEE THERMOMETER**

Imp—"Here are two spirits; one sinned knowingly and the other ignorantly."  
Satan—"Put them both in the furnace, but let the knowing one see the thermometer."—New York Sun.

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**HONORABLE AND GREAT**

The four months of this year ending on the 15th of July were not conspicuous, and yet the country did honorable and great things during that time.

American troops were actually in possession of an important city on foreign soil says the Sentinel.

At the time when a string of newspapers and many public men were urging this government to make real war upon Mexico, the administration exercised great self-restraint.

We stopped at Vera Cruz and did not advance on the City of Mexico. Huerta is out, and Mexico is in a shape to settle her own affairs on a peaceful basis.

No one can now tell how much the revolution is going to accomplish, but if the lower classes of the Mexican people get back the land which was taken from them, there will be peace in that country.

However, it is Mexico's affair, and the less we meddle with it, the better. The American corporation which have bought oil concessions have not bought the right to run Mexico.

After a few weeks our troops at Vera Cruz may return home with their work finished, thanks to the wisdom and sagacity of the men at Washington who had to choose between war and peace.

They made a wise choice. The "watchful waiting" policy of the President, which was so much derided by the Hearst newspapers and many politicians, appears to have won a very decided victory.

**HELD HIS JOB 81 YEARS**

Jake Hoebach rounded out a pleasant celebration of his 104th birthday by eating a half section of a juicy cherry pie. Jake is employed as a farmhand on the country estate of D. H. Kirkner 3d, in Roxborough, Pa. He has held his present job for 81 years and has never once tired of his work.

Here is the daily work programme of this spry young man of 104 years: 4 a. m. get up; 4.15, feed the horses; 4.25, start milking; 5.30, breakfast; 5.45, curdy the horses; 6, hook up for the milk train; 7, back and take out a load of hay or plough; 8 to 11, chores; 12, knock off for dinner; 1 p. m.; fix wagon and other odd jobs; 4, take the cows in to milk; 5, clean horses; 6, supper; 6.30, loaf around; 9, go to bed, with nothing to do till morning.

**TAKE YOUR MEDICINE**

"Some rain must fall into every life, no skies are always clear, No eye but some times has to feel the dampness of a tear; No heart is always light and glad, no cup is ever sweet, No life path always free from thorns that wound the toiling feet, But when the cares seem heaviest then courage should be shown, No angry clouds can be dispelled and scattered with a moan, And when your sun is cloaked from sight restrain the rising course—Just take your pill and thank the Lord it isn't any worse.

The man who dodges in affright when trouble lightnings flash, Who cringes like a beaten cur beneath affliction's lash, Whose lips are pale with mute despair whose head is lowly bowed, Whose timid spirit is appalled at every threatening cloud, Can never hope to breast the waves on life's tempestuous sea, Can never hope to hold his place with men more brave than he; So, timid mortal, show your nerve, fight every reverse, And take your pill and thank the Lord it isn't any worse.

The men who plant their feet upon the summit of success Are those who never faltered when confronted by distress—Who sanded well the slippery track kept rigid upper lip, And spickered in the face of care and never lost their grip, Then courage take, ye faint of heart; the clouds will pass away, The sunbeams of success again upon your paths will play, Don't sit around with scowling face, our every word a curse, But take your pill and thank the Lord it isn't any worse. —Denver Post

**NO CAUSE FOR ALARM**

A ten-year-old girl, fresh from her first skating on the lake, dashed into a room where her sister was sitting, "holding converse" with her most particular young man acquaintance. "Sis, you ought to have seen me," she breathlessly cried; "the first time I stood up my feet went right up in the air and I came down plump on my—"  
"Minnie," interrupted the sister, getting uneasy.  
"Well, what?" asked Minnie. "My legs just scooted from under me and I came down plump on my—"  
"Minnie," screamed her sister, leave the room instantly!  
"But he's hurt," said Minnie.  
"Hurt?" asked the sister; "who's hurt?"  
"Why, brother. I came down on him, only you wouldn't let me tell you.

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