

THE FARMER'S SALVATION

Guard Natural Agricultural Monopolies

"The North Carolina farmer has a natural monopoly in the production of cotton, peanuts, and tobacco," says Mr. Johnson, of the Office of Farm Management. "If these monopolies are properly guarded by other food crops and live stock, then there need be no fear of his making a comfortable living. We see the same principle exemplified in the case of a football team. There is generally two or three men on the team who comprise its strength and aggressiveness. The other eight or nine men aid and guard the work of these men."

"That's what should happen in the farm methods of the State. Let the farmer pick out the two or three crops to which his soil is best suited, and, letting these do his main work, assemble a team around them that will win him the game. Cotton is a natural monopoly of the South, and peanuts and tobacco nearly so. Records show that corn, hay, and the small grains are barely more than expense payers. They would not do so well as the profit earners, but will fit in fine as a guard crop. Live stock falls in about the same class as the small grains and corn in this State; but the natural monopoly in cotton, peanuts, and tobacco the North Carolina farmer does have, and our records show that if these crops are properly aided and upheld by live stock and other crops, they will return a good profit for the money invested."

NAVAL BATTLE IS BRIEF

Two British Cruisers and One Destroyer Are Hit But None of Them is Sunk

LONDON—German battle cruisers appeared off Lowestoft Tuesday. Local naval forces engaged the raiders, and also British light cruisers. The German warships retreated in twenty minutes.

The German warships opened fire on the coast before departing. Two men, one woman and a child were killed. The material damage apparently was small.

In the engagement two British light cruisers and a destroyer were hit, but none of them were sunk.

I'll Be Thar

An old gent had just won a case in the justice court, when the loser, in a very combative frame of mind, exclaimed: "I'll law you to the circuit court."

Old Gent—"I'll be thar."
Loser—"And I'll law you to the supreme court."

"I'll be thar."
"I'll law you to 'ell!"
My attorney'll be thar."

About 150 Elks gathered in the West Sycamore street club house at Greensboro last Saturday night. A Dutch supper was served, much music and considerable fun featured the evening. "Sugarfoot" Gaffney and Jack Crawford who are playing at a local theatre gave a vaudeville performance with every line of the stage. The vaudeville artist, Gaffney, was recently initiated into Elkdom in North Carolina.

Now Well

"Thedford's Black-Draught is the best all-round medicine I ever used," writes J. A. Steelman, of Pattonville, Texas. "I suffered terribly with liver troubles, and could get no relief. The doctors said I had consumption. I could not work at all. Finally I tried

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DIRECT PRIMARIES

Outline of Debate by the Class in English, 15-16. University of North Carolina.

Resolved: That North Carolina should adopt the Direct Primary for the nomination of state and county officers.

Affirmative Argument

I. The present convention system is unsatisfactory for the following reasons: It is indirect, cumbersome, and open to corruption. It is not truly representative; for the people do not elect their own representatives, and the delegates frequently do not carry out the wishes of the people that are supposed to elect them, candidates not thought of by the people being sometimes nominated in convention. The people take little interest in the convention system, for less than 10 per cent participate in the caucuses or primaries for the election of delegates.

II. The direct primary is preferable for the following reasons: It is representative, for it puts the nomination in the hands of the people. The people use it where given opportunity, for in some states the proportion of voters participating in the primaries is 73 per cent, in others 90 per cent, and the average for thirty-two states is 75 per cent. It has proved a success, for no state that adopted it has abandoned it.

III. The defense of the convention system on the ground that it represents the wisdom of the founders of our government is invalid, for when adopted it was suited to the conditions of difficult travel and sparse settlement; conditions that no longer prevail.

Negative Argument

I. The convention is in harmony with our system of government; for it is a system of delegated powers, and it is representative, the people in caucus having a chance to choose their delegates.

II. The convention fixes responsibility better than the direct primary does; for under the convention system the party is responsible, whereas under the direct primary the people are responsible.

III. The direct primary is actually more cumbersome than the convention system; for under the open primary system, voters from one party can vote in the primary of the other party, and so nullify the intent of the other party, and under the closed primary system the independent voter has no voice—he must declare his loyalty to the party in order to vote. The large number of candidates, too, confuses the voter.

IV. The convention secures the best results for the following reasons: The best men of the party are made leaders. It compels the party to nominate good candidates, for the success of the leaders of the party depends on their winning. It brings the issues directly before the people, for under it, unlike the direct primary, each party must put out a platform.

A Difficult Task
(News Letter)

The Federal Government is trying to solve the problem of idle labor. The Employment maintains free labor agencies in 48 centers scattered from Maine to Texas. There never was a time in the city and country regions of the United States when the demand for labor was greater. Nevertheless, in January and February of this year the number of workmen applying to the Federal labor agencies for jobs was only 15,000 or so; or about a third of one per cent of the number unemployed.

The hard fact is that idle people do not for the most part want work, or they do not want the kind of work that offers. Jobless people in the cities, for instance, turn their backs on country jobs.

When Dickens visited us a half century or so ago, he said that a tramp in America would be as rare as a meteor at midday. Now our confirmed tramps number four millions or more.

Helping people who need help is almost the most difficult task that mortals ever undertook.

Thomas Harris, 67 years old, a farmer, living near Barnardville, was shot and instantly killed last Saturday by his son-in-law, Buncon Davis, following a dispute over a fence which the deceased was dividing between the Harris and Davis properties.

Beware of Gintments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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MORE MEN THAN WOMEN

HAVE APPENDICITIS

Surgeons state men are slightly more subject to appendicitis than women. Oxford people should know that a few doses of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka, often relieve or prevent appendicitis. This mixture removes such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. The INSTANT, easy action of Adler-i-ka is surprising. J. G. Hall, druggist. adv

Hon. T. W. Bickett
(Orange County Observer.)

Some time between this and a little later, North Carolina is going to say whom she wants for her next Governor. Judging from the press reports the state over; from what the usually well informed political leaders of the different sections say; from the general feeling abroad in the land, she has already decided in her own mind.

If T. W. Bickett is not the next governor, the signs have all failed. A rabbit crossing the road wouldn't mean anything from this out. Nobody would care any more whether the ground hog saw his shadow or not. It's Bickett or the signs have failed.—All of them.

And incidentally this isn't a bandwagon utterance either. We came to know Bickett personally four years ago. That was when we lined up.

Not that we knew then exactly what Bickett would be for. All that we knew at that time was that we were for him for what ever. Everybody who knows him is.

He is probably best known, at large, as the state's foremost orator. He is also a lawyer of the highest type and class. Without under estimating his attainments in these respects it can still be said that they do not comprehend him. He is a little too broad and a little too inclusive to be summed up so easily. The outstanding, over-mastering fact about him remains his personality.

In sympathy he is as broad as all out-doors. His very countenance radiates good nature, good humor and a benevolent feeling toward everything. Figuratively speaking he has a heart about the size of a battle-ship.

Constitutionally shorn of the veto the office of Governor of North Carolina is not one of tremendous power. To be really effective, the governor must have the backing of a powerful machine or a powerful personality.

Bickett gets his on what he has with him; not on what he has behind him.

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Sale of Valuable Farm Lands

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1916, AT ABOUT 12 O'CLOCK M I shall sell, to the highest bidder, by public auction for cash, according to advertisement the R. B. Wright Farm.

The tract has been divided into three smaller tracts and at the sale these separate tracts will be offered and it will then be sold as a whole.

TRACT NO. 1

Containing about 100 acres, seventy cleared, on which there is situated a new seven room Bungalow dwelling, new barns and pack house.

TRACT NO. 2

Contains about 100 acres, sixty cleared, on which there is situated three story metal roof dwelling, five new barns, pack house, tenant settlement (3 rooms), stable, crib, and young orchard just beginning to bear.

TRACT NO. 3

Contains about 93 acres, more or less, seventy-five cleared on which is situated a four room dwelling, two new barns, stable and crib.

This land is on the National Highway, about 2 1/2 miles from Oxford, and adapted to the growth of fine tobacco, grain, fruit vegetables, etc. The buildings are practically new and the farm is in a most excellent condition.

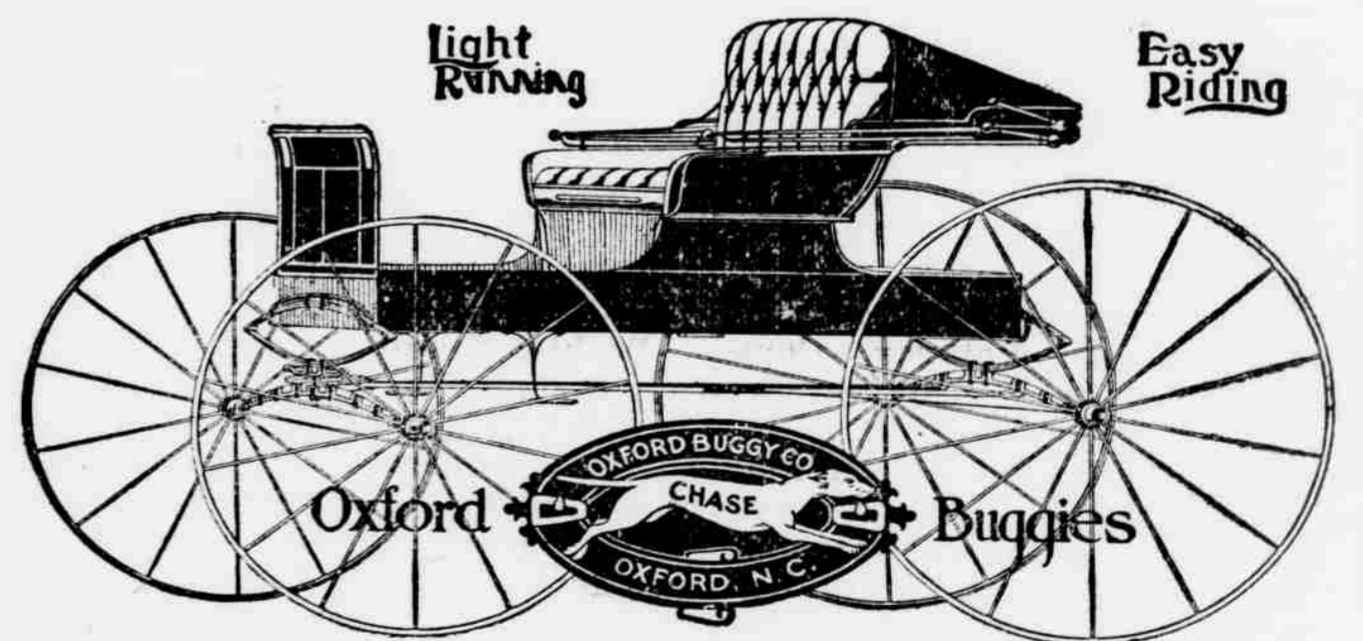
Mr. R. B. Wright will be glad to show this land to interested parties. Plats will be exhibited on the day of the sale.

By consent, this sale is continued to Monday, May 1, 1916, at 12 o'clock M. B. S. ROYSTER, Trustee.

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