

Newspapers and the Paper Trusts.

The recent very great advance in the price of blank paper is making itself felt in every newspaper office in the land, and is especially a serious matter to the country newspapers, whose profits are always small—when they have any profits at all. The advance is due to a combination of paper mills—a trust. The combination has the power to make the price as high as it chooses, having no competition, and there is no knowing what the increase will be before the limit is reached.

This increased cost of paper has caused some talk of setting up a paper mill in this State to be patronized by all the North Carolina newspapers. The LANDMARK would be glad to see a plan of this kind adopted but we are frank to say that we have small hopes of its success. The newspapers in North Carolina have always utterly disregarded anything like co-operation for their own benefit.

Every fellow goes ahead in his own way and as a result they cut each other's throats. These remarks have special reference to what is known in newspaper circles as "foreign advertising." Most of the newspapers of the State accept foreign advertising at whatever price the advertising agent chooses to offer, which is always 50 to 75 per cent., or more, less than, regular rate. As a result a newspaper that has any regard for the value of its space gets very little foreign advertising, and those who fill their columns with it get very little out of it. In numerous other ways, too, North Carolina papers submit to abuses and do business in a slipshod manner, which a little concert of action would greatly remedy.

Whenever these things are mentioned at a Press Association meeting almost every editor is in favor of a reform but nobody takes enough interest in the matter to bring the reform about. We don't mean by these remarks that we want the newspapers to form a trust. Few of them, probably, need to advance prices to their home patrons. What they need is to co-operate to prevent the leeches from sucking the life-blood out of them. The paper trust has, then, by the throat now, while they talk mighty fine about patronizing a home mill and squelching the trust, not one half of them would stick to the plan six months if they had an opportunity. Whenever the home mill was started straightway the trust would come into this State and undersell it, and the boys would forget their fine resolutions and fall to buying of the trust because it was selling cheaper for the time being.

A few men can combine and make the combination successful but it is hard to hold a hundred or so in line.—Statesville Landmark.

Our Budget of Humor.

Facetious Gentleman—"What is your regular hour for dinner?"

Wearry Watkins—"Right now, I hope."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Cousin Emeline, I never saw you look so well and healthy."

"Yes; everybody tells me that when I have on a new hat and new frock."

"Why do you glare at that woman so, Lula?"

"Arthur, I overheard her call our dear, precious baby a twenty-nine-cent music box."—Brooklyn Life.

"Dear," said a physician's wife, as they sat in church, "there is Mrs. G— sitting in a draft."

"Well," said her husband, "I shall cash that draft."—Our Dumb Animals.

"Don't dip your bread in the gravy, Willie," commanded the old man. "Don't you know its bad form?"

"No," replied the fresh youth, "it struck me as being good taste."

Jack—"Do you know, I always like to converse with a spinster at a social gathering."

Tom—"Why do you?"

Jack—"She never bores a fellow to death talking about old times."—Chicago News.

"I am told that you have a great many friends."

"Oh, I don't know," answered the cynic in plaid clothes; "it all depends with me, the same as with other people, on whether I'm trying to borrow or willing to lend."

"I have studied finance very thoroughly," said the young man

who wanted to help the bank president make a brilliant success of his enterprise. "Consequently, I thought I would go into the banking business."

"Well," answered the elderly man as he polished his glasses, "I don't know why your having studied finance should be any hindrance. But you must recollect that you wouldn't expect a man to be a first-class hand in running a wood and coal yard simply because he had studied botany and geology."—Washington Star.

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Wool—washed 15@24
Bacon—hog round per lb. 8 1/2@10
" —ham @10
" —sides @7
" —shoulders 7
Pork 5@6
Oats—32 lbs per bushel 40@50
Peas—clay 7.00@7.75
" —mixed 60@65
" —bolled—44 lbs per bus. 50@55
" —unbol.—48 lbs per bus. 45@50
Corn—56 lbs per bushel 80@85
Onions—select—per bushel 8
Lard—N. C. 2 1/2
Tallow 2 1/2
Ducks 15@18
Hens—per head 15@20
Spring chickens 12@18
Roosters—per head 15@20
Turkeys 9@10
Guineas 10 to 15
Geese 5@25
Butter—choice yellow 15@20
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Feathers—new 35@45
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Owing to the fact that several of our customers may want to change their advertisements the same day and as it is likely to delay the paper, we must ask advertisers to be governed by the following notice in every instance.
The advertising patrons of THE INDEX, who desire their advertisements changed should be sure to have their copy in this office before 9:30 a. m. to insure an insertion the same day.

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