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## CROW FARMER'S FRIEND AND FOE

"Twice as Good as He Is Bad,"  
Writer Says of Persecuted Bird.

### IS BACKED BY UNCLE SAM

Kills Young Chickens and Destroys Eggs of Other Birds, But on Other Hand He Kills Field Mice and Insects.

Washington.—The United States biological survey sends out a bulletin about the crow. It says that the big, black fellow is the farmer's friend and should not be exterminated, and it goes on to assert that many crows recently examined were found to eat 38 per cent grain and 62 per cent May beetles, tussock moths, grasshoppers, gypsy moths, army worms, chinchbugs and brown moths. So he is about twice as good as he is bad.

But the crow also kills young chickens and destroys the eggs of other birds, George F. Burba writes in the Columbus Dispatch. Charge that he is against him along with the 38 per cent grain which he eats. Then on the other hand, set down a large number of field mice and cutworms which he also gets away with and there is still a balance in his favor. Besides, much of the grain the crow eats would be wasted anyway, since he picks up the scattered kernels in the field and eats a lot of very poor corn and wheat that wouldn't be any account to anybody else.

**Hunted Become Intelligent.**  
The government bulletin isn't going to have much effect, one way or another, however. Everybody takes a shot at a crow whenever he gets a chance, but the crows persist. They have been warned upon so much that they have become very intelligent.

Take note of that—anything that is warned upon or hunted becomes intelligent. The hunted birds and animals acquire knowledge and cunning, or whatever you want to call it. Otherwise they would disappear.

If crows were stupid and sat around on fences when they see a man in the field with a gun; if they built their nests where the nests could be easily broken up; if they did not help each other by giving warning of approaching danger, there would be no crows. But everyone seems to be an enemy of the glossy fellow, and he knows that he must keep at a safe distance.

He learns that he must build his nest high up in a tree, away from human habitation, and watch out every moment for somebody or something that would kill him. All of this has made him what we call one of the most intelligent of birds.

**The Crow as a Pet.**  
And still the crow is a sociable bird. He likes human beings, when they treat him right. He makes a splendid pet, although a naughty one, in that he is always getting into trouble. If you will take a crow when it is young and raise it it becomes as gentle as a chicken.

He likes to be around the house, where there are a lot of boys, but at every opportunity he will fly upon the table and snatch the food, or carry scissors or thimbles or spoons of thread or jewelry away and hide them. He is a mischief maker with the hens and chickens and fusses and quarrels and wrangles with the dog that sleeps upon the porch.

But he will not desert the family; he will remain with the boy that feeds him and attends to him, although he may take a trip occasionally to the fields and talk to the other crows, coming back at night to his regular roost.

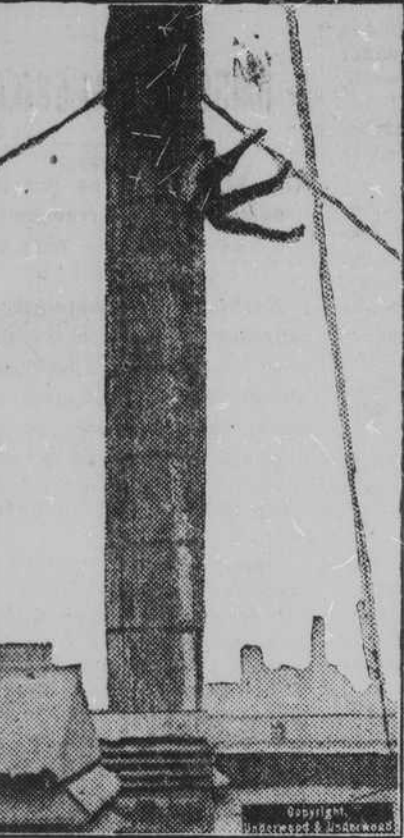
**Find Traces of Oil.**  
Letters of incorporation were granted to the Apex, North Carolina, Oil Company by the Secretary of State, with an authorized capital stock of \$200,000 and \$300 paid in by D. F. Betts, of Raleigh; W. Tracy Medlin and H. Burton Harward, of Apex.

The corporation owns a tract of land three miles from the town of Apex, 17 miles from Raleigh. Traces of oil were found in digging wells for water to supply a sawmill. The wells were sunk to a depth of 125 and 130 feet, and were 500 yards apart.

**Brook is Certified Nominee.**  
W. L. Brook has notified the State board of elections he will not ask for a second primary in the seventh district and W. C. Hammer has accordingly been certified as the Democratic candidate for congress, which insures his election.

Formal request for a second primary was made to the board by O. Max Gardner, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination against Cameron Morrison, who led him in the first primary.

## DAREDEVIL STEEPLEJACK



This picture shows Robert Burns of Chicago, who makes his living painting steeples, chimneys, towers, etc. But in this picture he is earning his weekly wage demonstrating for one of the large insurance companies how other painters fall and are killed.

A short time before this picture was taken a painter was killed by a fall from this chimney, and Mr. Burns is showing how it happened.

He has a long rope and springs attached to his back to break the fall. Mr. Burns has a monopoly in his line, for there are very few applicants for this job.

This picture shows Burns falling from the top of the chimney.

**Both Gobbler the Gobbler.**  
Falmouth, Ky.—Another Solomon is needed here to settle ownership of a turkey gobbler claimed by C. T. Bailey and Elijah Moore, neighboring farmers. The two men kept the road dusty carrying the bird back and forth between their homes until a writ put the dispute into court.

## Houstonville Rt. 1 News

Farmers are through laying by their corn and cotton but the work has just begun in the tobacco fields.

Mr. John Trivette and family of Winston were the guests of his aunt, Mrs. Annie Wilkins, last Friday.

Misses Sallie, Bet and Tishie Cleary of Yadkinville spent last week with relatives in this section.

Rev. Walter Isenhour preached a special sermon to the young people last Sunday morning at Wesley Chapel. Quite a large crowd were present.

## Application For Pardon

State of North Carolina, Yadkin County.  
Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina, Hon. Thos. W. Bickett, for the pardon of John Carter, who was convicted at the March term, 1919, for barn burning, and sentenced to the State prison for a term of ten years.

All persons having objections will please file the same with the Governor on or before August 10, 1920.

LILLIE CARTER,  
Wife of John Carter.

## NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Stephen Denny deceased of the county of Yadkin, North Carolina, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me properly authenticated on or before the 15th day of June 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once. This 15th day of June, 1920.

E. G. MYERS, Adm'r.  
Williams & Reavis, Attys

## Thieves Take Tires From Garage

Unknown thieves broke into the garage of Frank Eddleman on Route 2, Wednesday night and stole \$250.00 worth of good automobile casings.

Sheriff Moxley went down and investigated the matter but found no trace of the tires. The lock to the door was cut with bolt cutters, which the Sheriff thinks came from the shop of Mr. P. L. Kiger at Enon, as he had a pair taken from his place.

One Mansfield Carter, colored, was taken on suspicion but no direct evidence has been secured against him for the garage theft. A warrant was served on him, however, for stealing a pistol from Larkin Adams and he was placed in jail where he still remains.

Mr. Eddleman is a hard working man and his friends fully sympathize with him in his loss.

## Millionaire Socialist and 19 Others Sent to Prison

Chicago, Aug. 1.—William Bross Lord, millionaire socialist and nineteen other members of the communist labor party, tonight were found guilty by a jury of conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States.

The defendants were given various sentences, most of them getting from one to five years in the penitentiary, a few being given fines in addition and several were sentenced to one year in jail. Lord got the haviest sentence being given one to five years in the pen and a fine of \$2,000 in addition.

The sentences are for the State penitentiary and the Cook county jail.

The defendants were charged with conspiracy to overthrow the government, etc.

## New Deputy Marshall For Yadkin County

Mr. W. E. Ogburn of Winston-Salem has been appointed Deputy Marshall for Stokes, Forsyth, Davie and Yadkin counties. Mr. Ogburn was appointed Monday by Mr. Charles A. Webb of the United States Revenue Department.

## FARM FOR SALE

138 acres in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 20 minutes of a like town with 3 banks, churches, markets, railroad etc. This farm has 40 acres of fine bottom land that will pasture 30 head of dairy cows or steers. Balance of farm in high state of cultivation. Average crops 70 bushels of corn, 30 bushels of wheat, potatoes and oats in proportion. This farm has two yard orchards with fruits of all kinds. Good spring and running water all through place. Has 12-room frame house, big bank barn that will accommodate 30 head of cattle and 6 horses, 2 cribs that will hold 1,000 bushels corn, and good outbuildings. This farm is a producer and a money maker and must be sold. The owner is old with no help and is offering this farm for quick sale at \$7,000. \$2,000 down and balance on time at low rate of interest. This farm is a bargain and must be sold at once. If interested, write me once for further information. P. C. WARDEN, Nottingham, Chester Co., Pa.

## Interesting Tobacco News

Very few people realize just how many pounds of tobacco was produced in Yadkin county last year and the amount it brought to the farmers of Yadkin county. This county produced 3,775,000 pounds which sold for more than two million dollars. This information is gathered by Frank Parker, Agricultural statistician at Raleigh. These figures show that several counties in the Piedmont section produced more than Yadkin, some of them being larger counties. Pitt county stands at the head of the list with over 20 million pounds and Robeson second with more than 12 million. The complete list of the counties is as follows:

Surry	8,811,000
Rockingham	6,446,000
Caswell	8,578,000
Person	7,618,000
Granville	10,290,000
Yadkin	3,665,000
Forsyth	4,447,000
Guilford	6,850,000
Johnson	10,281,000
Robeson	12,207,000
Moore	2,368,000
Pitt	20,900,000

Mr. Parker says cotton used to be the leading money crop in North Carolina, but it has been succeeded by King tobacco. Only a few years ago, he continues, tobacco was a very risky crop. Its growing barely made ends meet. Tobacco lands were cheap. But now the tobacco farmers are the wealthiest, their lands are the highest priced. The North Carolina total acreage and value now equals Kentucky's.

In Mr. Parker's "Farm Forecaster," a very interesting little bulletin which we have before us, is pictured a long train called "The U. S. A. train of States" crops, arranged in the order of value. Texas comes first, Iowa second, Illinois third and North Carolina fourth with crop valued at \$683,168,000. The whole U. S. A. Train is carrying crops valued at \$12,686,573,000, which is equal to more than all other industries of the nation combined.

Mr. Parker further says of tobacco, which will be very interesting to the farmers of Stokes.

"The crop that put North Carolina to the front in crop values was tobacco. It is the best money crop at present. Our total acreage an value is about equal to Kentucky's, which is the only rival. The national crop is reduced over two per cent. in acreage. The North Carolina crop five per cent. increase means that other States had a greater decrease than appears. The July condition of 84 per cent. indicates a good production but not nearly as great as the 1,801,200,000 pounds made last year. There is no great competition with the North Carolina bright leaf, as this greatly demanded type is not grown extensively elsewhere."

## Nurses Wanted

Pupil nurses wanted for State Hospital at Morganton, \$30 per month for beginners, with increase for second and third years up to \$40. Board, room, (separate from Hospital wards), laundry and uniform furnished. Opportunity for course in Nurses' Training School for young women.

Address Superintendent, John McLaughlin, Morganton, N. C.

## Says Taxing System is a Disgrace

John J. Parker, of Monroe, Republican candidate for Governor, denounced the revaluation act and plead for tax reforms in a speech to his supporters and others at Carthage, N. C., a few days ago. He said in part:

"The present taxing system is a disgrace to the state. It was framed for the conditions of 50 years ago. It puts an undue burden on agriculture. It is unjust to the farmer whom we need to encourage. We need a new system of taxation. The general property tax as the basis of taxation is antiquated. What we need is a new system based upon the income tax. The income tax is the fairest sort of tax because it taxes in accordance with ability to pay. Its burden falls lightly upon agriculture. It is collected largely from manufacturing and commerce.

"The revaluation act is not a step forward but a step backward. It does not create a new system, but provides a new method of valuing property under the old system. It is wrong in principle, because it gives arbitrary power to the state tax commission. In practice its effect will be to increase the burden on the farmer.

We are told that rates will be lowered as values will be raised for the farmer. We are told that taxes cannot be increased over 10 per cent. The law limits for this year the total taxes to 10 per cent. increase, but the individual taxes are not limited in that way, neither is the limitation binding upon future legislation. The result is that real estate is going to be taxed to pay the money which the state will lose by lowering the tax on other classes of property. The value of railroad property has not been raised, consequently when the rate is lowered the railroads will pay less tax. The holder of stocks and bonds will pay less tax. Where is the money to come from? It must come out of land.

"It is preposterous to hear the claim made that the revaluation act was passed in the interest of fairness and honesty when we remember that the legislature which passed it also passed the stock of certain foreign corporations to the extent of \$2,000,000.

The revaluation act was passed in order to throw the burden of state government upon the shoulders of the farmer and the land owner. It was passed because the state had to have more revenue, and the tax rate could not be raised under the constitution, and we would have had to have more revenue, and the tax couldn't be raised under the constitution, and we would have had to hit the corporation with an increase in franchise tax if more money could not have been raised by raising the value of the farmer's land. I say raising the value of the farmer's land, because while real estate in towns and cities have been assessed at about twice its former valuation, farm lands have been put on the tax book at five and six times the former value. The revaluation act was the scheme of certain corporations to evade tax themselves and place the burden upon the landowner. If you doubt it, ask J. W. Bailey, now Democratic collector of revenue, formerly editor of the Biblical Recorder. He says that a man who believes that the revaluation act was passed for

## Junior Order Picnic at Boonville Saturday

The annual Junior Order picnic and Educational rally to be held at Boonville Saturday, August 7, 1920 is expected to be the best ever held. The principal speaker will be Hon. L. C. Brogden of Raleigh, state inspector of public schools. The members of the different Jr. Councils will meet at the Boonville lodge rooms at 10 o'clock and march in a body to the auditorium of the High school building where the address will be delivered. After the speaking dinner will be served in the large grove on the school grounds.

Everybody is invited and asked to bring a well filled basket. No admission fee charged.

## To Stop Coal Speculation

Washington, July Aug. 1.—Operators engaged in the export of bituminous coal at a meeting here tonight took steps to eliminate speculation in shipments of coal from mines in tidewater ports, either for export or for trans-shipment to American ports.

Plans to defeat attempts to speculation involving a severe limitation on the consignment of cars was discussed, the operators said, and a committee headed by W. L. Andrews of Baltimore was chosen to work out the measures to be taken.

The plans are to be submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission and railway executives for co-operation.

Speculation, the operators stated, "not only had disorganized market prices on coal but led to congestion of the roads and in the terminals by tying up cars and duplicating movements. The plans proposed, D. B. Went of the National Coal Association, declared in a statement after the meeting will not interfere with the legitimate conduct of business but will minimize the opportunities for harmful speculation in coal either for export or domestic delivery."

## Harding Sees Party Leaders

Marion, O., Aug. 9.—Political issues and questions of campaign management were discussed by Senator Harding today at a string of conferences which occupied his attention from early forenoon until evening. Among his callers were Republican leaders from several States and in addition to political conditions several questions of campaign procedure are understood to have been considered.

The proposal for a joint debate between the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees is said to have been suggested but Senator Harding is not expected by his advisers to take part in any such event. Several invitations for a debate have been received from various sections of the country but the Harding managers here are not inclined to favor acceptance.

honesty or equalization ought to be sent to the school for the feeble minded.

"I pledge my administration to a sincere attempt to give North Carolina a just taxing system. Let us tear up root and branch this iniquitous revaluation scheme.