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PEOPLE ENTITLED TO THE FACTS.

The board of education in Mecklenburg county has been rather upset lately by charges that Charlotte schools have not received all of the money due them from county taxes.

So much agitation has been aroused by the audit and other facts in the case that the county board seems determined to tell no one anything. In the Charlotte News we learn that at a recent meeting of the board newspaper representatives were asked to leave the meeting room and the door was shut in their faces.

There may be times when such action is necessary but in a case of this kind we question the judgment displayed. People of Mecklenburg are rather uncertain about what has happened and they will be more skeptical if they get the impression that the board desires to transact its business in secret.

After the meeting a formal statement was issued setting forth the position of the board in regard to the controversy with the city board. That's all well and good but the people are entitled to know how the statement was prepared and what discussion accompanied its preparation.

The Mecklenburg board and every other board for that matter, spends the tax money paid by the public and the people are entitled to know anything they want to know. There is no way for the people to get the facts except through the newspapers and it is nothing but natural for suspicion to be aroused when board members decline to conduct their business in the presence of newspaper men.

If they have nothing to conceal why the secret meeting? If they were discussing plans to be carried out with their own money they would have a right to exclude the public, as represented by the press, but county officials spend the people's money and the people have a right to know where the money goes, how it goes and the attitude of every official who spends it.

HARD TO GET THE BIG FELLOWS.

We haven't heard any one in discussing the Daugherty-Miller case express the belief that either would ever serve a sentence.

A majority of those with whom we have talked about the case frankly admit they have no idea the former government officials will be convicted. They base their logic on the old assumption that it is mighty hard to get the big fellows.

Others think a conviction not impossible but they point to all of the technical loopholes of the law and admit they expect the pair to escape through one of these.

One of the biggest handicaps for the government in the case is the fact that two star witnesses are dead. That has been the trouble in other suits instituted by the government against former officials. Jesse Smith and John T. King are dead and whenever any former official gets pinned down he just shifts the burden of proof to the backs of the dead men.

And the manner of the deaths of Smith and King indicate that something must have been done. No sooner did the government hear charges of fraud than these two took their own lives, either through fear or pressure. And some can deny the influence their deaths had on court matters.

The trial of Daugherty and Miller is another echo of the Harding administration, produc-

tive of more charges against government officials than any other administration in history.

WHAT HE WANTED WAS THE MONEY.

The Sheriff of Haywood county recently caught a man wanted in Massachusetts for murder and when an officer of that State arrived in Waynesville with requisition papers signed by Governor McLean the sheriff refused to turn over the prisoner. He had read somewhere about a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the prisoner and he demanded that sum before giving the man to anyone.

The Massachusetts officer explained that he did not have that amount on his person but would send it when he returned home. That didn't satisfy the sheriff and it took a message from Governor McLean to straighten him out.

Which gives the impression that the sheriff was interested in the reward more than in justice. He didn't say so but by his action he intimated that should the Massachusetts people fail to send the reward he would just turn the man free, regardless of any crime he might have committed.

Governor McLean was right in his position, of course. The sheriff should have been co-operating with Massachusetts officers instead of trying to enrich his own bank account. He was elected to enforce the laws, not to pad his own pocketbook.

DOES IT PAY TO ADVERTISE? READ THIS.

Does it pay to advertise? Let the Association of Salmon Packers answer.

This organization in a recent bulletin reported that more than 1,000,000 cases of salmon were sold in a national newspaper advertising campaign this year, as compared to 205,000 cases in a corresponding period last year, during which no advertising was used.

For years these salmon packers were like so many other unsuccessful business people—they had something to sell but didn't let the people know it in the right way.

If you make the best rat-trap in the world people may beat a path to your door in the woods, but if your rat trap is no better than your neighbor's you can't sit back and wait for the multitude—you must let the people know about your product.

Certainly the experience of the salmon people should satisfy any one as to the advisability and desirability of advertising.

WISECRACKS.

Many women use cold cream on their faces instead of soap, practical tests having shown it to be more expensive.—Ledger, Lakeland, Fla.

It is against the law for an auto to come up on the sidewalk after its pedestrian.—Sun, Durham, N. C.

We are sorry, but a Pittsfield Judge has ruled that it isn't larceny for a wife to swipe her husband's cash.—Bee, Danville, Va.

Detroit is taking a bootlegger census. Wonder what she's to do if she finds there are too many?—Nashville, Tenn.

A vacation is most exciting when you return home and find half the furniture stolen.—Democrat, Little Rock, Ark.

The wonder of the age is how a baby manages to hold its head without using a megaphone.—Ledger, Lakeland, Fla.

We hope a policeman who married a society girl in New York has no trouble learning to cook.—News, Birmingham, Ala.

Old movie films are sold as junk. Some of them of like that.—Bee, Danville, Va.

LENOIR-RHYNE COLLEGE.

Hickory Record. Hickory has in its midst the only A Grade College in Western North Carolina. The bigger and better Lenoir-Rhyne College is the more it will mean to Hickory. All over the State canvassers are asking the Lutheran subscribers in various congregations to "pay up"; and if it is impossible to pay all, to pay some and give a note for the balance due. The campaign for pledges was a great success, \$500,000 having been pledged, including \$200,000 by D. E. Rhyne which has long since been paid. Of the other pledges \$200,000 is still due. The College needs the resources right now. It asks for \$500,000 productive endowment and a new dormitory for girls immediately. The above amount has been promised. If all were paid it will make the endowment and dormitory possible. It should all be paid or satisfactorily provided for through notes. Hickory has promised liberally. In this effort to go forward Hickory citizens should lead the way in paying up. Satisfactory reports are said to be coming in from many congregations assuring the college administration that canvassers are out at work. Let Hickory respond tomorrow when the canvassers make their visits.

Splendid prospects depend in large measure upon the response to this pay up campaign in Hickory and the State. No one can expect liberal friends of the college to heap up contributions when the people fail to meet their just obligations.

Right now is the appointed time! The success and growing reputation of Lenoir-Rhyne need to be taken advantage of. Help Lenoir-Rhyne College go forward!

LEGION DRINKING.

Gastonia Gazette. About this business of so much drinking at American Legion conventions.

Only a very small minority of the boys get drunk, but they raise so much Cain that they give the impression that they are a big majority. However, the Legion as a whole suffers for the sins of a few of its members. The great majority of the Legion deprecates such conduct at its conventions. As a matter of fact, a great deal of the trouble is caused by non-delegates, men who visit gatherings of this sort just for the opportunity it offers for a let-down. The same crowd can be found at all conventions, where there are opportunities for revelry and hilarity—Shriners, firemen, lawyers, newspaper men, merchants, etc.

Hotel furniture in more than one town has suffered considerably from the depredations of the inebriated Legionnaires (?) and much opprobrium has been cast on the American Legion which is not deserved unless it be deserved for not bearing down hard on this misconduct on the part of a few.

Chaplain Gibbons, Major Bullock and the others who denounce the deplorable conduct at Hickory will have the sympathy of the majority of the Legion members in the state.

Worms the size of hairs threaten five hundred acres of lumber in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Six million feet of lumber already have been destroyed, and stipulations are restricting the pest by scattering calcium arsenate powder.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Friday, September 10, 1926

Centenary of the birth of Archibald J. Battle, long president of Mercer University.

Seventy-five years ago today Louis Kossuth, the famous Hungarian patriot, sailed for his memorable visit to America.

An enthusiastic official welcome awaits Mrs. Clemington Corson, second woman to swim the English Channel, on her arrival at New York today.

Under the auspices of the California department of agriculture a conference is to be held at Sacramento today to consider methods for the control of the red spider, one of the most destructive pests with which Northern California fruit growers have had to contend.

Plans for a sweeping investigation of class rates in Western trunk line territory will be considered at a conference of shippers, railroads and other interested parties called by the Interstate commerce commission to meet in Chicago today.

Post and Flagg's Cotton Letter.

New York, Sept. 9.—The market has displayed a rather dragging tendency reflecting liquidation by some of the recent buyers disappointed over the showing of the report. More selling on Southern orders was also reported but in view of the painfully small ginning the disposition has been to attribute that more to speculation than to hedging. Trade demand continues in evidence through more confined to easy spots since the report than just before. At the same time advices from goods markets indicate a volume of business for both prompt and later delivery that implies a reasonable degree of activity among mills especially as stocks on hand have been so closely absorbed. Just how extensive the gains are in the stocks of distributors can hardly be determined but in view of the hand to mouth policy followed so persistently for several years past they can hardly fail to be important and the ultimate consumer has no reserve supplies but must as a rule buy as quickly and as often as what he has in actual use begins to wear out. The account frequently heard about the crop is that if the weather this season, which has been the direct reverse of last season, results in another large crop it will indicate that study of weather conditions is a waste of time. All that is needed to determine the crop is the acreage as a dividend and an appropriate divisor to arrive at the correct quotient. This would also enable the government to further cut the budget by abolishing the department of agriculture as a needless expense. The supply may be eked out in some way but it looks like a short crop, large requirements and higher prices. POST AND FLAGG.

Woodshed Justice Still Being Dispensed.

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—Wayward youth of this city are finding out that old fashioned "woodshed justice" is still being dispensed despite widely published reports of the growing laxness of parental discipline.

But the welfare officer chastisement is provided only as a last resort. Parents are given the opportunity first, but if they don't avail themselves of the opportunity, recent sentences imposed in juvenile court provide for the spanking otherwise.

The latest case brought the shingle to six young rascals who persisted in playing tacks in the path of unwary motorists. Three punctured in a very short time at the same spot directed the attention of the police to a sextet of grinning white boys and one beaming negro.

The six white boys were brought into court and convicted but the negro proved that he was only an onlooker and not guilty of placing the tacks. He was released, but the white youths were allotted their whippings.

Piedmont Farmers Form Federation.

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—The Piedmont Farmers' Federation, Inc., an organization intended to provide a continuous market for farmers' products, was launched here today following one of the most representative meetings of farmers ever assembled in Charlotte.

The meeting adopted the plans proposed by former Governor Cameron Morrison, recently, and modeled after a farmers' organization at Asheville that has operated successfully.

The organization will receive a charter from the Secretary of State and will have a capitalization of \$250,000, leaders say. The body will also have a board of nine directors elected by the stockholders.

Common stock will be sold to farmers, each farmer being allowed as little as one share of stock at the value of \$50.

Charlotte Hazers Lectured By Principal of High School.

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—A brief lecture by Dr. E. H. Garinger, principal of Central high school, followed with an admonition to conduct themselves less rowdily in the future constituted the punishment meted out today to the three youthful hazers of Central high after their case had been thrown out of juvenile court. No further action is contemplated. When Judge Wade H. Williams, juvenile judge, notified the parents of the boys that the case was entirely out of his jurisdiction, a conference resulted and the case was referred to Dr. Garinger.

As a result, perfect satisfaction is registered by all concerned.

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HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN PRESSED IN ROWAN

Dr. W. S. Rankin Among Speakers For Proposed County Institution. Salisbury, Sept. 9.—Facts concerning the proposed county hospital for Rowan county were presented to three meetings on Thursday night. As the series of meetings progresses interest continues to increase in all parts of the county.

At Faith an exceptionally good meeting was held. John D. A. Fisher presiding, and expressing the proposal as "practical Christianity." Rev. J. D. Andrews of the Faith and Lowerstone churches made an impressive address in support of the institution.

J. L. Fisher, H. P. Brandis, and A. S. Jones, in the order named presented the proposal from the standpoint of local needs, how the bond issue will be financed, and the obligation from the humanitarian viewpoint. A large audience was present and their deep interest was manifested by the very close attention to the presentations.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, addressed an interested audience at Mill Bridge school. He was introduced by J. F. Hurley, who from the outset has done much to get the true facts to Rowan citizens regarding the plan.

Dr. O. W. Armstrong, upon invitation, addressed the order of Eastern Star, at Spencer, and was impressed with the interest being shown by that organization.

State's Cotton Crop This Year May Set Record.

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—Unless the forecast is upset by unfavorable conditions later on in the season, North Carolina bids fair to produce its greatest cotton crop of all time this year. Such is the conclusion of crop Statistician Frank Parker, of the state and federal co-operative crop reporting service.

In a statement on the condition of the crop at this time issued here tonight, Mr. Parker pointed out that the United States department of agriculture estimated the state could produce a crop of 1,137,000 bales this season. The record crop thus far as 1,102,000 produced last year.

Mr. Parker said the inspectors of his office had found that weevil damage was "severe" across the southeastern end of the state this year and that if conditions were favorable for the propagation of the weevil the remainder of the year there might be "a severe decline in the condition and forecasted production before the final harvest is made."

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