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Commissioner H. C. Brown in Desperate Condition.

Roxboro, July 1.—News from the bedside of Corporation Commissioner H. C. Brown is more discouraging daily. He is a desperately ill man, situated now at the Brown residence on North Person street, where the commissioner has been confined for the past six weeks and more except the few days that it required to take the train to Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, where he was examined and advised to return to his home without an operation, which it was not thought could benefit him. His was an intestinal trouble. He had an especially bad night last night and it is feared that there is practically no hope entertained for his recovery.

LATER.

Mr. C. Brown Has Passed Away

Henry Clay Brown died at 10:30 yesterday morning at his residence in Raleigh, No. 429 North Person street, after an illness of a month. He was known to his friends to be desperately ill for some days before the news of his death was received as a shock to his many friends and to the many who knew him through his patriotic work in the State Corporation Commission.

Mr. Brown had not been in the best health for some years, though his energy was not abated until about a month ago, when he had to give up his work at the Commission. He was taken to Baltimore for a surgical operation, but being in no condition to undergo this, he was brought home. His death was caused by intestinal trouble.

Winston-Salem Manufacturers Ship 42,434,856 Pounds of Tobacco.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, July 1.—The fiscal year of the United States Internal Revenue office here ended today and reports showed that 42,434,856 pounds of tobacco were shipped by local manufacturers during the period, the value of revenue stamps therefor being the government \$3,394,000, an increase over the former year.

100 ft of dressed and rough lumber for sale by Watkins & Bullock.

THE FARMERS UNION.

The Benefits to be Derived from this Organization, and How They May be Accomplished

An Exchange calls upon Secretary Wilson to do something to help the farmers' wives, but Secretary Wilson's office is the wrong end of the line to begin with. The average husband on the farm will provide more home convenience when he gets able to do it, but there will not be much "help" for farmers' wives until farmers decide to quit producing big aggregates of marketable crops in competition with each other and then go on the market and sell their products, as individuals not in ruinous competition with each other. It is the system that is at fault and it must be changed. To continue to put white women and children in the fields to produce competition with each other, at the other fellow's price, is like pouring water into the bung-hole of a barrel with the head knocked out. As long as we continue to tolerate a system of commercialism that puts servants in the city homes and makes slaves of farmers' wives, we can not reasonably expect any change for the better. And farmers themselves are largely responsible for the system, and they are the folks who must correct it, through organized co-operative effort. Economic errors that make it hard for farmers' wives cannot be corrected by Secretary Wilson or by anybody except the farmers themselves. This is the kind of doctrine the Farmers' Union has been preaching and should continue to preach for it is fundamental.

WE GET sick and tired of seeing so much about "helping" the farmers. A doctor helps himself by limiting the supply of his service to actual demand at a price fixed by himself and his organization, and other professional men do the same. It isn't necessary for the government to "help" them in their business, neither is it necessary for them to carry their wives and children into their business with them to make a living. The manufacturer limits his products to the probable demand and he supplies the market gradually just fast enough to supply a demand that is kept strong enough by limited production to maintain

prices that yield a handsome producer. As a distributing agent the merchant feeds manufacture product to the market at a price fixed by the merchant and not by the purchaser. And the government doesn't have to send men around to "help" the merchant get along. It is a fact, as appalling as it is disgusting, that farmers are the only class of people who produce without regard for consumption and demand and they are the only folks who go on the market as beggars and let the purchaser fix the prices upon their products. If a doctor and lawyer should adopt the policy of letting the purchaser price their services, how long would they stay in business? If manufacturer or merchant should let his customers fix the prices upon his goods and wares wouldn't it be disastrous to his business? As long as farmers produce to the full limit, and then let the purchasers name the price, do you see any easy time ahead for the farmers' wives? Here is the fundamental error that has existed for ages and it accounts for the fact that the wealth of the country is not in the hands of those who have created it.

THE FARMER'S UNION can not correct a suicidal error that has existed for generations with out first educating its members to see the conditions as they exist. The work of the Union thus far has been largely educational. To change a system that has enslaved the farming classes for centuries is a mammoth undertaking but to refuse to make any effort to change it only hastens the day when absentee landlords will own practically all the farm lands of this country, for when one class of people give another class the exclusive right to price the products of their toil, the class that does the pricing will eventually own the lands, and ownership of farm land carries with it ownership of those who live on it.

WE AGAIN repeat and emphasize the statement that increased aggregate yields on the farms is not a solution. The campaign for bigger yields of corn has been a great help to some farmers who had not been making enough corn for home consumption, for it encouraged them to correct an economic error that should not exist on any farm, but the thousands of farmers who make corn their marketable crop are faced with a ten per cent. decline in the price of corn, and as a result the non-producers who buy this food product get the benefit of the increased aggregate yield. It was this sort of result President Barret had in mind when he said: "A great many people are, with honest motive, striving to help the farmer produce more goods at less cost and labor. And then, there are a few who are urging him or to production that prices may drop and everybody get a lift except the farmer." In other words, when we apply intelligent methods of production and produce more goods for the market at less cost and less labor, where does it help us, if other people, who buy our products at reduced prices, get the benefit of our economies in production? This is the real live problem that confronts us and more farmers are seeing the light than have ever seen it before. When enough of them shall have seen it with all of its force and significance they will find the remedy and they will have the patriotism and courage to apply the remedy and do business like the balance of the world does business.—The Carolina Union Farmer,

THE FARM LIFE SCHOOL.

What is the matter with the Farm Life School question? Has it run its course already? Has its boom collapsed? Was it a rainbow after all? We have never attached very great importance to the idea. Some how we do not like a school for farmers any more than for merchants or doctor or preachers. What we need to do in North Carolina is to make our public schools better and stronger. These are the farm life schools we need to foster for they are the schools that touch the farmer. Out in the country away from the throbbing centers of life is where our educational system is weak and inefficient. We want teachers in our country schools who earn a salary of from \$50 to \$75 a month and terms that cover eight and nine months instead of three or four. Right at this point is where we should expend our strength. Instead of creating Training Schools at enormous cost and county high schools and farm life schools, we ought to be bending our energies to improve the school where the thousands go and not the hundreds: where the masses may get some light and not the favored few. Will we forever waste our time and money trying to help the strong and leaving the weak in the darkness? Is it not about time that the will of the people should be heeded in this matter? The teacher training business has been sadly overdone. We need more schools for the training of children.—Charity & Children.

Probable Occupants of New State Administration Building.

Special to The Observer.

Raleigh, July 1.—The State building commission has decided to have the proposed \$250,000 fireproof administration building four instead of five stories high. And it is understood that the historical commission and hall of records will be on the first floor; the State library on the second; the Supreme Court room, law library and offices of the justices on the third; and the State Department of Education, the Department of Insurance and the office of the Attorney General on the fourth.

State Reunion.

The State Reunion of the Veterans will be held this year at Wilmington, N. C., of 2nd and 3rd of August. Our Wilmington friends extend to every Veteran a hearty invitation and will surely give us a royal welcome. In order that they may have the information as to how many to prepare accommodations for it is absolutely necessary that they should know the number that expects to attend at least two weeks before the meeting. So I urge upon every Veteran to let me hear from them as soon as they make up their minds, so that I may send in the information as to the number they may expect from this Camp.

The Railroad fair I suppose will be about 1 cent per mile both ways as usual.

J. A. LONG,
Com. Camp Jones No. 1206.

Camping at Loch Lilly.

The following party came over from Lynchburg last Monday morning and went out to Loch Lilly to camp for 10 days:

Messrs. Sam Preston, Goodman Beasley, Martin Crouch, Graton Mason, Lelie Murray, Volly Holt, Ben. McGuire, Floyd Murray, Bill Preston and Conrad Wingfield.

It is a jolly crowd of young men and they anticipate a splendid time fishing, boating and bathing.

The Torrens Title System.

New York Tribune.

Sir: The Torrens system of land title registration has been in successful operation in the Philippine Islands for several years. A Torrens title is there regarded as the only perfect title, and that the property is thereby made more valuable and more saleable. As evidence of this a client of mine who has just returned from the Philippines brings with him an interesting advertisement which he cut from one of the local newspapers there, reading as follows:

"FOR SALE—Two lots, each 50x100 feet, on Calle Georgia. Land high. These are the last lots remaining unsold in this

entire block. Six new houses now in course of construction adjoining. Price, \$1,200 each. Torrens title. Geo. C. Sellner, 6 Escolta, 'phone 88."

It will not be long before properties in New York will be advertised in the same manner.

Teachers Examination.

The examination for white teachers to teach in the Public Schools of Person County will be held on the 13th and 14th of July. Teachers are required to attend both days in order to take up all the subjects.

Colored teachers will be examined on the 17th.

G. F. Holloway,
Co. Supt.

Roxboro, N. C.
June 26th, 1911.

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