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THE MERCHANT THE COMMUNITY'S BACK BONE.

While in one sense the farmer, the agricultural class, is the mainstay to our prosperity, the real prop is the merchant.

This fact of the merchant's importance, is to be most easily judged in those states which are largely agricultural. A local application can be made of North Carolina, and the application further carried along by using Eastern Carolina as the field for illustration.

While the wealth of the country comes from the successful tilling of the ground the result of the wealth being the net sum secured from the products of the ground, after paying all expenses, yet before and after the farming results, however their success or failure, stands the merchant who furnishes every needed supply which the farmer may need or must have.

This supplying the farmer's needs before the crop is grown, means a credit in more or less degree, which the merchant must extend to the farmer. In a bad season, or following a bad season, this extension of credit granted him by those who sell him is usually upon a ninety day basis hardly longer, where the merchant's credit extension to the farmer is likely to be twice as long.

Thus it is easy to be seen that the merchant is the prop upon which the farmer finds his support before his crop is made, and if poor crops or poor prices follow, it is the same merchant who stands for the farmer to give him the needed financial backing, or furnish supplies which is the same thing, so that the farmer may hold his property and continue in his work.

And in the city, what class is so public spirited and liberal in its contributions to every thing which comes along as the local merchant? Very often is this liberality abused, but the merchant is the sufferer, and seldom fails to respond to appeals for charity, even if harshly or ungratefully treated, as being stingy in his giving.

Standing as he does for his farming friend and his city friend, the merchant deserves the full and generous support of those who receive so much from him. The local merchant grants and extends credit, so let those who receive these benefits, hasten to repay, and buy when money is easy from the local merchant in preference to those at a distance.

IS THERE NEED OF ALPHONSE-GASTON POLITICS?

A little news item some days ago crept through a few newspapers, coming from far away Taxaway in the mountains, announcing that Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock would not be a candidate in the next senatorial contest in North Carolina, against Senator F. M. Simmons. This report came when the North Carolina Bar Association was in session at Taxaway, and no doubt the news came from the political element who were there.

But why this renunciation on the part of the ex-Governor, and the public announcement of his non-candidacy? Accepting the statement as true, this act of stepping aside would presuppose that Mr. Aycock had been a candidate for senatorial honors, and his withdrawal has a too ostentatious appearance, which hardly seems necessary at this season, when some time must pass before the question of the senatorial nomination comes up.

It is hardly to be taken that any such political renunciation is going to affect Senator Simmons and his candidacy, if he is to be one, to succeed himself, for Mr. Simmons' public life at Washington has been one of character and credit to himself, and what is equally important, he has been a force at the Nation's Council which no North Carolina could wish to neglect, always in his place, as a representative of his constituents.

ents, a positive man upon public questions. It is by such political displays, allowing the report, and it has not been denied, to be true, which not only hurts a party but does harm to the man or men whose names may be used in connection with declining honors so far in advance that it is a question if they are possible honors to be secured.

Certainly Mr. Aycock needs no notoriety to become prominent, and equally certain it is that Senator Simmons needs no apparent running away of political opponents in order to strengthen his position. Each man can stand upon his individual merits and needs no Alphonse-Gaston act in politics upon which to boost himself into public notice and public office.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

PERSONAL AMBITION, OR PERSONAL SACRIFICE. WHICH?

The dispatches tell of Mr. Elihu Root who has just accepted the invitation to take the port folio of Secretary of State in President Roosevelt's cabinet, giving up a law practice worth \$250,000 to \$300,000 to accept this government position with its salary of \$8,000.

This action on the part of Mr. Root has had previous precedents of men giving up good business interests which paid them greatly more in money, than the positions of public trust which they accepted. One of two things must prove to be the motive that prompts such a cause as this, either personal ambition, or personal sacrifice.

Only those who have held public office can fully appreciate the insecurity of such a position, yet men eagerly seek office forgetful that a long line is as eagerly following to push the present incumbent from his place.

But it cannot be said that all public offices are held by men who seek them only for glory or spoils, and not with the purpose of filling them with the purpose of being a value to the people as officeholders. The man who serves the office as a public trust, as a solemn duty to those who placed him in it, does not make a show to the world, is hardly likely to even receive the plaudet, of "well done," for conscientious performance to duty is a patient matter, one which does not attract attention, or call for public applause.

But every life must have an aim. There must be the striving for personal gain, with the accompanying selfishness, or the striving for success and sharing the results with others. Fame honor, wealth may be secured, and the individual can hoard them as a miser, without helping others, and these same prizes may be won and a man's family, friends and community be blessed by them.

It is this question, which every man must solve and answer for himself. Is the gain of the world's best material products, worthy of a life's efforts to be used solely for the individual, or does not the personal sacrifice for others offer the higher reward, by developing the character, and giving it a strength which shall stand as a bulwark to help the weak and rescue the oppressed?

Now is the time to buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is certain to be needed sooner or later and when that comes you will need it badly—you will need it quickly. Buy it now. It may save life. For sale by F. S. Duffy and Davis' Pharmacy.

Premier Balfour stated in the House of Commons that conscription would not succeed in the British Army.

A Surprise Party. A pleasant surprise party may be given to your stomach and liver, by taking a medicine which will relieve their pain and discomfort, viz: Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are a most wonderful remedy, affording sure relief and cure, for headache, dizziness and constipation. 25c at all druggists.

Mother's Friend advertisement. Image of a woman. Text: TRUE Before Mother's Friend was introduced. The older the prospective mother be the more difficult the ordeal through which she must pass before she experiences the glory of the maternal state. This was true before.

Farm Help—Immigration.

The reports received by the Department from more than seventy counties indicate a scarcity of labor, and a desire to secure both tenant and share-settlers. In order to aid in supplying this need the Board has authorized the Department to undertake to secure for those applying for them such immigrants as are indicated above, and to that end blanks have been prepared and will be forwarded to those who may wish to engage either labor, tenants or share-settlers.

It is time to prepare for another year and those interested will therefore write the Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, after August 1 of this year for blanks on which to make formal application for the person or persons needed. It has also been arranged to list in the Department such forests, farms and mineral lands as may be offered for sale; such lists to be printed and sent out with the literature of the Department. Blanks for this purpose will also be supplied to all persons applying.

HAS STOOD THE TEST 25 YEARS

The old, original GROSSES' Tasteless Chill Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form.

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL.

Sentence Imposed Upon Rogers and Sorrell in Embracery Case.

Special to Journal. Raleigh, N. C. July 14—Judge Allen in response to pleas for mercy for Rowan Rogers and J. P. Sorrell imposed a sentence of 6 months in jail.

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\$100 Reward, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, setting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work.

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DREFW FOR HACKS.

State's Capital Institutes Law For Quiet Nights.

Revenue Collector Makes Several Captures. Warning Against Registry Company of New York. Saloon Men Not Getting Many Signatures.

State Charters Granted.

Raleigh, July 14.—The streets are now hackless after 9 p. m. and the voice of the hackmen is no longer heard in the land, at least so far as Raleigh is concerned. The new ordinance is a strictly enforced.

Torrents of rain fell yesterday and deepened the impression that the cotton crop is to be a short one.

Governor Glenn will return to Raleigh next Monday, private secretary Glenn announces. His stay at Atlantic City has proved very restful to him.

Deputy Revenue Collector, W. G. Pool last night captured a hundred and ninety gallon illicit distillery south of here, also 2,500 gallons of beer, fourteen fermenters, etc. No moonshiners were around but the still had been in operation only half an hour before the officers made their dash upon it.

Insurance Commissioner Young is issuing a warning against the International Registry Company of New York, saying that sometime ago he gave warning against it and now finds that it is trying to do an under ground business, and is endeavoring to issue policies of the Union Casualty and Surety Company of St. Louis, though the latter has not been doing business since January 1, 1904.

The Audubon Society through its special agent, John R. Upechurk, is after the boys here who rob birds' nests and arrests have been made. The Society is watching very closely its great work of bird protection.

The Interstate Coopers Company of New York has domesticated itself in this state and will have a plant at Bellhaven. Under the new law companies chartered in other states do not, strictly speaking domesticate themselves here but have to pay tax before doing business. The right of trial in the courts before they are domesticated is not denied them, this having been the great defect in the first domestication law known as the Craig law.

Clerk George W. Norwood of the office of the Secretary of State is sick with fever at his home here.

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WAKE COUNTY COURT.

Interesting Cases. No Defense of Rogers and Sorrell. Women Indicted for Selling Liquor. Women Brought Up.

Raleigh, July 14.—It had been expected that there would be a fight in the embracery case against Rogers and Sorrell, but really no defense was made. After the men had pleaded not guilty, the jury was empaneled and then the State introduced its evidence, among the witnesses being Marcom and King who were on the jury in the Gattis-Kilgo. Some other witnesses were examined and then counsel for Rogers and Sorrell told the judge they had no objection to his instructing the jury to return a verdict of guilty. The jury was then charged by the judge that if it believed the evidence it had nothing to do but return a verdict of guilty and this it did after having retired for a few minutes in each case, the cases against the two men being separate.

Judge Allen called in the grand jury and said he had issued subpoenas for all the jurors except Marcom and King, who had already been summoned, in order that every juror who was on the list in the Gattis-Kilgo case could go before the grand jury tomorrow morning and be examined. He said he desired the grand jury to find out every fact obtainable in regard to the entire matter, and that if more witnesses were found to be necessary he would at once issue subpoenas for them.

General Willam P. Roberts presence here is a witness in the murder case against Raymond B. Bynum, the slayer of Deacon James H. Alford. The general thought that this case was set for Friday, but it does not come up until Monday. After the murderer had fled from Raleigh to Gates county and been arrested there. General saw him and talked with him and hence is summoned in the case.

The lobby of the Superior court room today was dotted with women from the tenebrous district, who are indicted for selling whiskey, beer and other stimulants there. These people have had Federal licenses and it is said to have always shown a fine contempt for the State laws on the subject. With the women were a lot of their followers. One woman sat down and spoke to nobody, but we steadily.

The Superior court the case of the State vs. F. W. Robinson of Johnston county came up. Two years ago he was convicted in two cases, at Louisa of taking laborers to Georgia to work on the Seaboard Air Line between Atlanta and Birmingham, he then being employed on that road. He was convicted in both cases and fined \$200 in each, this being the limit, or twice the amount of the tax which is required for license as an immigrant agent in each county. In one case Robinson paid but in the other he appealed and the Supreme court threw out the latter case saying that the one fine covered the two. Now he is being tried on the charge of taking laborers from Wake county.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel! There are a great many good laws on the statute books, as well as a great many that are of no use whatever, but still the legislative bodies keep grinding out more to the confusion of an already over-law burdened people.

Laws are sometimes made to satisfy some sad and again are made for the convenience of one or more persons, let the effect be never so detrimental to others. But as a rule, the enforcement of laws is not so popular or as easily accomplished as the making of them.

Among the good laws is the one forbidding vagrancy, yet this law is seldom enforced, because performance it is a little difficult to do so, in that it requires work to determine whether a man is a vagrant or not. So, the idle ones are left by themselves to breed vice and crime, as witness, the fighting, cutting and shooting that has been going on in New Bern lately.

Another good law, is the one forbidding cruelty to animals. Yet this law is openly violated right here in New Bern every hour in the day, and but little is said about it. And why? Because there are a few old plugs around town that are of the value to sell, but are just strong enough to earn their owner a dime or two a day above their keep. Blind, lame or emaciated, these horses are sometimes driven as long as they are able to draw a hack or dray.

Of all laws, those of sanitation are of the utmost importance to an urban community, and should be rigidly enforced. Are they enforced in New Bern? The condition of the docks reeking with putrid garbage filthy back lots and alleys, and the rotten, nasty slush on lower Middle street, doesn't look like it.

But there are laws enforced. Sometimes a huckster is pulled for setting a package of vegetables an inch or so beyond the limit on the sidewalk. A boy is caught riding a bicycle along the side walk and he too, falls beneath the strong arm of the law. Should a merchant be so indiscreet as to sell a watermelon or a few peaches, to children a few minutes before the legal time of opening his place of business, then he too offends the majesty of the law and must suffer accordingly.

It is all right to enforce the laws but better had they never been enacted if they are to be disregarded, but there is a consistency to be observed. The way the laws are usually enforced reminds one of gagging at a goat and swallowing a camel.

Doctors Said He Would Not Live.

Peter Fry, Woodruff, Pa., writes: "After doctoring for two years with the best physicians in Wayne's org, and still getting worse, the doctors advised me if I had any business to attend to I had better attend to it at once, as I could not possibly live another month as there was no cure for it. Fry's Kidney Cure was recommended to me by a friend, and I immediately sent my son to the store for it and after taking three bottles I began to get better and continued to improve until I was entirely well." For sale by Davis' Pharmacy.

WINE OF GARDUI advertisement. Image of a woman. Text: The Effective Remedy. I was troubled for over a year with an acute flow that it was virtually impossible to control. A heavy cold upon my head condition and nothing I could do seemed to help me. The only effective remedy I ever found was Wine of Gardui. Within two weeks I felt the good effects of the medicine and after I had used 18 bottles I felt I was as healthy and regular as any woman could wish to be.

AMULET advertisement. Image of a bottle. Text: AMULET CORN WHISKY. FIVE YEARS' OLD OLD FASHIONED COPPER DISTILLED. 4 FULL QUARTS \$2.65. Express Charges Paid By Us. Cousins Supply Co. 10 & 12 S. 12th St. Richmond, Va. REFERENCE: PLANTER'S NAT BANK.

Fruit Paper Free advertisement. Image of a man. Text: Fruit Paper Free. Every farmer raises some fruit. All could raise more and better fruit and make more money from it if they read a first-class fruit paper like The National Fruit Grower. Published at St. Joseph, Mich., in the heart of the famous Michigan Fruit Belt. A large, beautifully printed Monthly, fully edited, full of the latest and best methods of cultivating, handling and marketing large and small fruits.

Piedmont High School advertisement. Text: The young men who have come to the University from the Piedmont High School have taken a good stand in their classes and have done faithful and satisfactory work. FRANCIS P. VENABLE, President. "Most heartily do I recommend the School to all who have sons and daughters to educate."—Chas. E. Taylor, President, Wake Forest College.

Trochet's Colchicine Salicylate Capsules advertisement. Text: A standard and infallible cure for RHEUMATISM and GOUT, endorsed by the highest medical authorities of Europe and America. Dispensed only in spherical capsules, which dissolve in liquids of the stomach without causing irritation or disagreeable symptoms. Price, \$1 per bottle. Sold by druggists. Be sure and get the genuine. WILLIAMS MED. CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO, Sole Prop.

HEALTH AND VITALITY advertisement. Text: The great remedy for nervous prostration, and all diseases of the generating organs of either sex, such as Stricture, Gonorrhoea, Falling of the Testicles, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, etc. Sold by Dr. F. S. Duffy, at the corner of Craven and Second Streets, New Bern, N. C.

DR. LYON'S French Periodical Drops advertisement. Text: Strictly vegetable, perfectly harmless, sure to accomplish DESIRED RESULTS. Greatest known female remedy. Price, \$1.50 per bottle.

W. M. MOFFETT'S advertisement. Text: W. M. MOFFETT'S. Great Elixirs, Lotions, and the Best Remedies for Children of All Ages. Also, Dr. F. S. Duffy's Kidney Cure, which is the best and most reliable remedy for all diseases of the kidneys.