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THE RETIRING BOARD

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The retiring board of county commissioners of Craven, Chairman Foy and Messrs Richardson, Wadsworth, Harvey and McGowan, issued some months ago in pamphlet form, their report for the year June 1909, June 1910. This report is at the taxpayers hand, at least those who care to see it, if they have not. This detailed report is full of interest—to those who pay taxes, and those who may not can learn even in dry figures much of interest.

But beyond this report, which need not be detailed at this time, there is the previous years of work for Craven under this same board, for most of these members have served the county nearly a decade, there is the constant advancement in progress of county affairs, a material growth that is in evidence in many fine bridges, some road improvement, just now in its infancy, the great improvement of county buildings and with the considerable expenditures for these county improvements, there has been a decrease in the rate of the tax levy, and the taking up of such bonds that have become due.

The fact that the retiring board has worked hard and long, and left such material improvements to prove the value of their services, will not be recognized at its full worth by the people of the county. The office of county commissioner is a personally burdensome one. It demands intelligence and honesty in the administration of the duties of the position, and the recompense must be largely when the term of service is over, one of inward satisfaction, the approval of conscience.

The retiring board can have this satisfaction. More, the members can pride themselves upon being the promoters, and in great measure carrying out, an era of material county improvement. Their work has been so forward, too extravagant some may intimate, that the commissioners who follow are going to be often in a dilemma—to carry on the county work, as it should be done, as the way has been blazed, by Messrs Foy and Company, towards a constantly advancing county improvement.

For those who will agree on the Journal's brief estimate of the retiring commissioners, congratulations are hereby tendered, with best wishes to each member and thanks for services well performed.

SOME SOMBER CHRISTMAS SIGNS.

Two things rob this Christmas season of its true significance, and destroy the simplicity and what should be the real religious character that ought to mark the period celebrating the "Arisen Lord." These are the commercialism that flavors the gift giving, and the unlicensed revelry that is the token of Christmas merriment.

Dwelling upon these creates a somberness. Gift giving becomes an anxiety, instead of a pleasure. "Something equally as valuable I must give, because I expect a gift." How somber becomes Christmas with such a spirit. The blessing of the gift vanishes, and there is disappointment to giver and recipient alike.

Note the post office flag, the heavy bags of mail the carriers are bearing. Look at your daily mail, and these letters, circulars, pam-

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phlets, all telling of whiskey and its cheap and easy procurement. "The goods come to you while you sleep," is one ad inducement. Watch the express packages on every train, piled high. Pasteboard boxes, barrels, jugs, all filled with liquor, the basis for Christmas 'merriment.' For days before the twenty fifth, how the express offices are crowded with eager applicants. The freight offices of the railroads are also besieged by anxious throngs, seeking the white man's "fire water," as the Indians once aptly described the fiery liquids, that give not joy and comfort, but bring ruin and destruction.

And upon bill boards and dead walls, may be seen the flaming placards, telling where in "wet territory" may be ordered the "goods" by those in "dry territory," who voted for the exclusion of liquor, but remain its slave. And in the newspapers, in this one, note the arrest, conviction and sending to the roads to work out their fines, for liquor selling or being drunk. A just punishment, you say? Aye, but also note just beside the same article that wonderful whiskey display ad. Is there any connection, any affinity of purpose, between the drunkard going to the roads, and the newspaper's whiskey ad? And here is a colored Christmas edition of a newspaper, prominent in its pages are liquor advertisements, luring temptations to the weak man, dismal reading to the poor wife, who dreads Christmas because of its unhalloed merriment, superinduced by liquor drinking. And the "near" beer resort, with its openness and offering of liquid refreshment, licensed in a prohibition state, and a resort as dangerous to public morals as the old time saloon. Is there not a cause for sober thought in these things? It is not worth while to remedy these things, as best each one can? Surely if they can be remedied good must follow and Christmas then may be a season for real Christian enjoyment.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only medicinal cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Sold by Druggists and Testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

How to Mark Clothing. The nicest way to mark clothing is to embroider one's initial of every garment. The letters should be small and can be done in solid embroidery, or, if time be scarce, in chain stitched outlines. For boarding school or public laundries, where the full name is essential, make a die from one's own writing, have it in the form of a stamp, and work the name in outlines. Less dainty but quicker is to sew on colored names that can be bought ready stamped by the dozen on short tapes. These are neatly hemmed on the edges and rarely wear off. Quickest of all is marking with indelible ink that does not need ironing, as do some of the makes. To avoid blurring the material should be firmly stretched and the pen clean. This kind of marking is only for one's most ordinary belongings.

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SAVED FROM A FUL DEATH. How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," she writes, she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It is the best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, influenza, asthma, croup, hemorrhage and bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottle free, Guaranteed by all Druggists.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA. She calls me on the telephone. I have not seen her, so Just what she may be to my sight Is yet for me to know. But there is music in her voice— Such music that I feel My ears will see the loveliness That now my ears reveal. —New York Press.

TAKE CARE. Remember that when your kidneys are affected, your life is in danger. M. Mayor, Rochester, N. Y., says, "My trouble started with a sharp shooting pain over my back which grew worse daily. I felt sluggish and tired, my kidney action was irregular and infrequent. I started using Foley Kidney Pills. Each dose seemed to put new life and strength into me, and now I am completely cured and feel better and stronger than for years." —Davis Pharmacy.

Crimson Clover, Seed Rye, Hyde County Rust Proof Oats, Hay Grain and Feed Agt. for International Stock and Poultry Food. Chas. B. Hill, New Bern, N. C.

Preventives, the new Candy Cold Cure Tablets are said by druggists to have four special advantages over all other remedies for a cold. First—They contain no quinine, nothing harsh or quickening. Second—They give almost instant relief. Third—Pleasant to the taste, like candy. Fourth—A large box—48 Preventives—at 25 cents. Also fine for feverish children. Sold by Bradham Drug Co.

The Real Artist. They say this is an artist with a genius very great. She can paint a chubby Cupid on the heart. And she pictures every chubby with his hobbling, empty pats. In a way the masters say is truly art. She can draw a horse and wagon or a monkey or a man. And at etching she can put on all the frills. She can paint her cheeks, good gracious. Just as natural—yes, she can. But her papa draws the checks which pay her bills. —St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Hubby—And what did the Doctor say Fifer?—He said, "Put out your tongue." Hubby—And then? Willy?—"Gee-Whizz!"

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS WITH DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS, COLDS AND ALL THROAT AND BRONCHITIS AFFECTIONS. GUARANTEED TO BRING ABOUT RAPID CURE. SOLD EVERYWHERE.

CARE OF UNFRAMED PICTURES

How to Keep Them Where They Can Be Seen at Any Time. Often you will see in the magazines or in old calendars pictures—copies of famous paintings, perhaps, or attractive photographs—which you would like to keep. And yet one's walls get so cluttered with pictures, every one of which must be framed at no small expense, that, especially when space is at a premium, one hesitates to add another to the collection.

To keep such pictures where they can be seen always and yet will not be in the way make a book of embossed lines. Purple is the best shade to show off all kinds of colorings in the pictures. Cut the leaves a little larger than the largest picture you are likely to cover and paste or sew a narrow hem all around.

Make covers of thin wood or leather or thick gray cardboard, such as is used for photograph mounts, and hold all together by punching eyelets and strapping ribbon through them. Then paste a picture on each leaf, in the center, using library paste. Of course a leaf can be added each time you see a picture you want to keep. For the embossed lines is very inexpensive and can be bought in large quantities.

To add still further to the attractiveness of the book paste on the outer cover some especially pretty yet unfastidious picture or print its title in India ink.

The Change of a Word. "You wouldn't think there'd be enough difference between the definite and the indefinite article to matter much, would you?" said a woman who writes for a living. "I made a lifelong enemy of a woman once just by writing 'the' where I meant 'a.' It was an account of her wedding I was doing. I said something about the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's aunt, and then I added that there were present only the few friends of the family." The bride never got over that 'the' in front of few. It happened five years ago, and when my name is mentioned she still froths at the mouth." —Washington Post.

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HOW TO TRAIN A PUPPY.

Cats Should Be Exorcised in Punishing or Dog Will Be Spoiled. Just how and where and when the puppy is punished for committing a crime of budding doghood and doing what he knows is wrong is a matter of some import to both the owner and the puppy if he is in training. Amos Burians in Recreation.

A dog is in training at any time and any place in which he is being taught something that his master wants him to fully understand. Most bird dog puppies are never taken to the field before they are old enough to understand a few commands. "Come here," "lie down" and "go to the kennel" are all part of his training.

The amount a dog is expected to know depends upon the man who owns him. Usually the more human brains that are mixed in with his training the fewer will be the commands given the puppy to learn. Puppies are a great deal like children. Some of the things they learn today that are not right they will have forgotten by tomorrow. And perhaps there will come a new bad habit that will stick for the same length of time.

Punishment must be given with a great degree of care. To spoil the disposition of a puppy is very easy. To punish an old dog for an offense that was committed in the intensity of his work for you will spoil him for life. That old saw about the dog that is old but being able to learn new tricks is all myth. Go to any professional trainer and he will tell you so.

A dog is like any other animal. It learns something all the time. It is well to begin the handling of the puppy so that a stern word or gesture or scowl of the face will show him that you are displeased. A dog that is naturally bold will be punished as much by this sort of punishment as one that is very timid. It is all a matter of starting the training with him. To adopt the whip at the beginning of the breaking is not right. It makes too much courage out of the dog.

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PRICES CHANGED. If you come to New Bern to buy anything in our line and pay 10, 15 or 20 per cent on the dollar more than we charge for the same thing, then you must blame yourself for not coming to see us. We can serve you with a brand new open Buggy at \$35.00 and a top Buggy at \$45.00 and we know you cannot buy one any where else in this state at this price. We do your work cheaper than any man in town. We have over 200 customers, make yourself 201. With thanks for past patronage, we are yours truly. G. S. Waters & Sons. BROAD STREET NEW BERN, N. C.

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To Farmers of Craven and Adjoining Counties. This year is the farmers' own. We rejoice with you. A wise farmer seeks the best MARKET for his products. New Bern is paying more for farm products today than in any town in Eastern North Carolina and the New Bern STORES are overflowing with well selected and attractive goods that may be bought at very low prices. Now as a business proposition, if Cotton, Seed Cotton and other farm products are selling high in New Bern and the New Bern Stores are selling reliable goods cheaply, will it not pay the farmer to trade in New Bern? A Cordial Welcome and a Square Deal Awaits You. The New Bern Chamber of Commerce