

BICKETT FOR GOVERNOR.

While it is rather early to make any prophetic allusions to the next Governor of this great Commonwealth, we can hardly restrain the mention of our choice. We are for Bickett because Bickett is for the people. Hence, the people and Bickett being for each other, Bickett will be elected the next Governor of North Carolina. Unshackled from the political bosses, he is naturally unalloyed with machine politics. This man Bickett builds his hopes of election on Si Hopkins in Slick Rock township voting for him and Josh Perkins in Beaufort voting with Si at the other end of Tarheel; not on the prospects of the cotton mill magnate swinging his thousands of employees, or the railroads or lumber interests being for him. The farmers of this State are for Bickett. And when the farmers are for a man, look out for the farmers' choice. Bickett is some speaker, too, and as a mixer—not the political kind—you'll have to hand it to T. W.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

We cannot see what right the County Commissioners will have to donate five thousand dollars to the new school at Halifax. The law expressly forbids the expenditure of any money by the county solons except for necessary expenses of the county. If five thousand dollars is to be donated the tax payers of Halifax county should do the donating.

We are heartily in favor of the school, but we are not in favor of taking funds from the pockets of the tax-payers of this county and handing it over without their approval. Our County Commissioners have as much right to give five thousand dollars to Shaw University at Raleigh as they have to give to a school at Halifax without a vote of the people.

With all their astute lawyers in and around Halifax we are indeed surprised that solicitors for this fund have not been advised of their wasted energy before this. If every man, woman and child in this county signs the petition for the donation of this reasonable sum, this will not validate the action of the board in the event they make the donation.

We are thoroughly confident that if this proposition were submitted to a vote of the people, that it would be carried almost unanimously. Let's get the five thousand, but let's get it by a due process of the law.

LET'S HAVE A CHANGE.

The time is drawing near for the town election. Little discussion thus far is heard of the candidates for the various town officers. According to rumor two of the present town commissioners are not going to offer themselves for re-election. Whoever these two are, hurrah for them! If there are four such reticent ones, hurrah for the four!

We haven't learned the attitude of the chief of police as to his running again. We do hear, however, that Mr. J. L. Dunn, of rural Scotland Neck, is seeking the job of chief of police. We believe Mr. Dunn would make a good guardian of the law. We believe that those who are wont to look lightly upon our present laws would view them from a different aspect if our chief of police had their respect. People who do not respect are loth to obey. Take the blue law, for instance, few respected this law, and few obeyed it. Respect conduces obedience. Laws are no stronger than those who enforce them. The police protection that we are enjoying—or rather paying taxes for—is farcical in the extreme. We should have two men on the regular police force of this town. We also need a board of commissioners whose duty will be to see to the enforcement of laws.

OF INTEREST TO COVER  
CROP DEMONSTRATORS

Mr. N. B. Stevens, The County Agent, Gives Instructions as to The Best Method of Handling Cover Crops.

This is probably the first year you have used a green cover crop to improve your soil. We therefore wish to call your attention to a few important points regarding the best method of handling your land for the succeeding crop.

The state at which a cover crop should be turned under depends upon the soil, weather conditions and the crop that is to follow. Where corn is to be planted on crimson clover land, the clover should be turned under just when the bloom begins to appear. The crop at this stage will contain about the maximum amount of plant food. Besides, it will decay much more readily than if permitted to reach full maturity. It may be necessary to turn the clover under a little earlier in order to get the corn planted at the proper time. It is sometimes advisable to turn under earlier on account of the soil being in good condition, whereas to put it off for a few days or a week, dry weather might prevent doing the work as it should be. When the land is to be planted to cotton it will be necessary to turn the cover crop under regardless of the stage of growth. This will allow a few days for land to settle and to be gotten in proper condition for a good seed bed. The plow should be followed closely with the harrow to pulverize the soil before the wind and sunshine dries it out. Unless the soil is full of moisture, or there are prospects of an early rain it is best to run a roller over the land to firm it, which will aid in holding the moisture. The roller should always be followed with the weeder or light smoothing harrow to mulch the top soil.

When the cover crop consists of rye and other grain, it should be turned under when about knee high. If the condition of the soil prevents plowing at this time, double disc the crop a couple of times and this will prevent the further drying out of the soil, and frequently the soil will be mellow enough in a few days to plow even if it does not rain. This, of course, is true when clover is to be followed by corn also.

Never turn the clover or other crop under without first thoroughly cutting up with a disc harrow, as the material plowed under in a layer seriously interferes with the capillary action of the moisture in the soil. The effects of turning under in a layer is what is sometimes called souring the soil with green manuring crops. Double disc the cover crop two or three times with a sharp disc harrow before plowing; plow well by taking a narrow furrow and edging rather than inverting the furrow; then double disc the land again rather deeply, and no injurious effect will result however large the growth may be. This is the important point I wish to impress upon you: The thorough incorporation of the vegetable matter with the soil. Do not get in a hurry and neglect this important part of the work if you expect good results from your cover crop. Use the disc and smoothing harrow until you have the soil well pulverized and the vegetable matter mixed throughout the soil.

If you are in doubt about the fertilizer ingredients to use on soil thus prepared, communicate with me. Very truly yours, N. B. STEVENS, County Agent.

Doc. Weatherman believes in diversifying too. Since '05 we can't remember such a sloppy Easter.

England's piratical operations on the high seas as unjustifiable as Germans invasion of Belgium was.

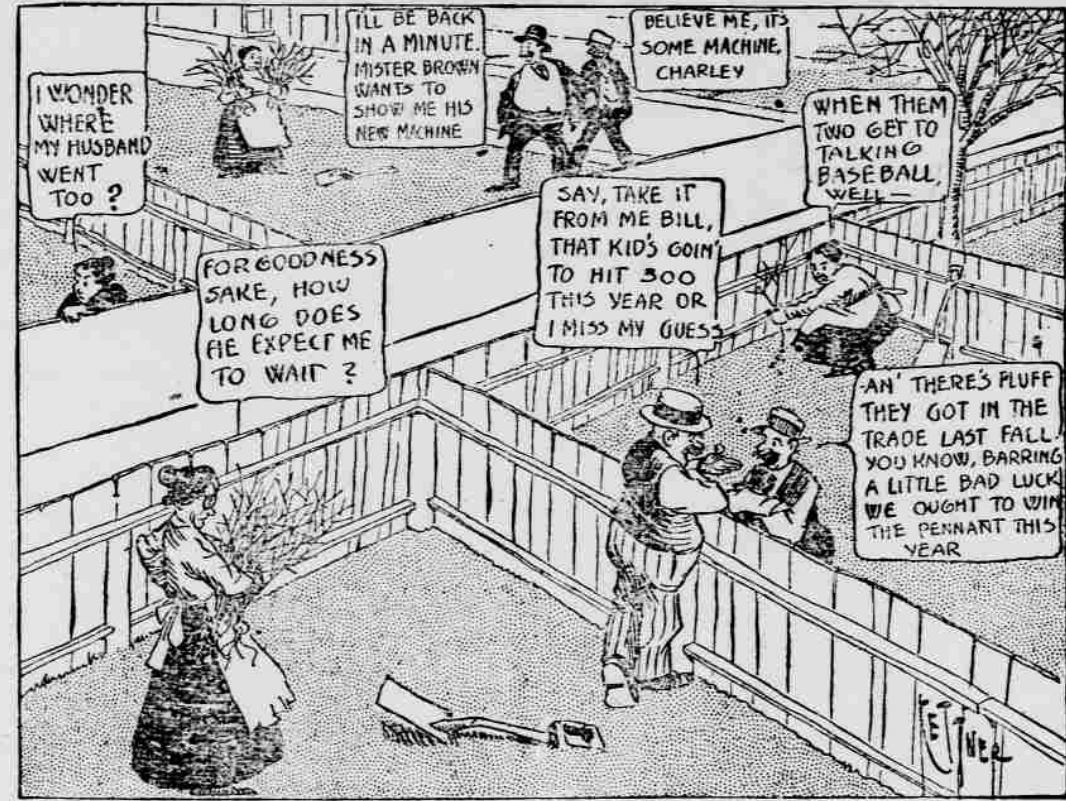
When it comes to viewing deeds and atrocities with "the gravest concern", aint we United States arsenic?

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BACKYARD ACTIVITIES



TAKES 20 MEN TO SAVE DOG

Dynamite, Too, Used to Rescue Animal From Cave into Which He Had Fallen.

Newton, N. J.—It took 20 men and a blast of dynamite to free Bob, a fox-hound, from a cave near here. The dog, owned by Robert Washer, got into the cave through a small crevice while fox hunting with his master. Then he couldn't get out. Washer worked at the mouth of the cave all afternoon, but couldn't open the way for the animal to get out. The next day he tried dynamite, as large a charge as he dared to use without endangering the dog's life, but the blast only loosened some of the stones at the mouth of the crevice. The following day, however, a score of workers brought crowbars to bear on the rocks and pried them far enough apart to free Bob from his three days imprisonment.

"IVA MILLION," SAYS BRIDE

And So Has O. A. Million, the Happy Bridegroom Who Wedded Iva.

Olathe, Kan.—In the probate judge's "Cupid Parlor," Judge Roberts united in marriage Oscar A. Million, twenty-four years old, and Miss Iva Everett, nineteen, both of Kansas City. The bridegroom still remains O. A. Million, but the bride blushingly admitted after the ceremony that "Iva" Million in name at least.

When the bridegroom asked the judge about his fee he said he was not used to officiating where Millions were involved and so would leave the amount to the bridegroom. The bridegroom paid the bill, the bride added a Million thanks and the happy nuptials left to catch the car back to Kansas City.

WASHINGTON VIEWS SITUATION.

Death of Thresher on British Liner Is A Grave Matter.

Washington.—While no official notification of the death of an American, Leon C. Thresher, on the British liner Falaba, sunk by a German submarine had reached the American government, officials viewed the situation as fraught with grave possibilities.

Secretary Bryan said he expected Ambassador Page in London to submit a full report on the case if he receives there confirmed reports of Thresher's death but added that no inquiries had been received by the department nor had any been made of Mr. Page.

In view of the language of the American note of inquiry in reply to the German notification of a submarine blockade of England, it is known the facts in this case will be awaited with the greatest interest.

ENLISTED MEN OF NAVY.

Secretary Daniels Tells Where Navy Men Come From.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels issued a statement showing where the enlisted men of the navy come from. The figures were compiled as a result of a recent question by President Wilson as to whether most of the sailors were not from coastwise states.

Alabama 428, Arizona 39, Arkansas 204, California 2,112, Colorado 520, Connecticut 924, Delaware 212, District of Columbia 679, Florida 251, Georgia 777, Idaho 98, Illinois 2,480, Indiana 1,501, Iowa 1,016, Kansas 651, Kentucky 728, Louisiana 657, Maine 205, Maryland 1,558, Massachusetts 2,420, Michigan 1,118, Minnesota 594, Mississippi 327, Missouri 1,408, Montana 114, Nebraska 540, Nevada 19, New Hampshire 280, New Jersey 2,658, New Mexico 95, New York 7,922, North Carolina 660, North Dakota 126, Ohio 2,328, Oklahoma 609, Oregon, Pennsylvania 5,013, Rhode Island 1,062, South Carolina 397, South Dakota 134, Tennessee 792, Texas 1,600, Utah 100, Vermont 124, Virginia 1,497, Washington 648, West Virginia 241, Wisconsin 90, Wyoming 43. No residence 106.

Mexican Forces Gather at Lampazos.

Washington.—While Villa forces are delaying their attack on Matamoros pending the arrival of artillery, the stage is being set for another battle at Lampazos about 70 miles southwest of Nuevo Laredo. Border advisers to the State and War Department said Villa forces bound to attack the Carranza garrison at Nuevo Laredo were expected to reach Lampazos at once, "where a battle probably will be fought." Earlier messages said Carranza troops were being assembled at Nevo Laredo.

J. E. Davis Resigns.

New York.—The resignation of Joseph E. Davies as secretary of the National Democratic Committee was announced by Chairman McCombs. Mr. Davies was recently appointed chairman of the Federal trade commission.

Will Use Diving Bell.

Honolulu.—Tests with the specially built diving bell designed for use in locating and raising the submarine F-4 lost at the harbor entrance with 21 men aboard, have resulted satisfactorily. The bell is said to have remained water-tight after being submerged for 24 hours. It is planned to submerge the bell with a man inside for further tests before lowering it at the point where the submarine is said to be located. The bell is a 54-inch iron pipe seven feet high and has telephone, glass ports, air, etc.

Still a Chance for Him.

"That man will leave footprints in the sands of time," said the admiral. "No," replied the sarcastic observer. "He'll keep jumping on everything in sight till he obliterates his own tracks."

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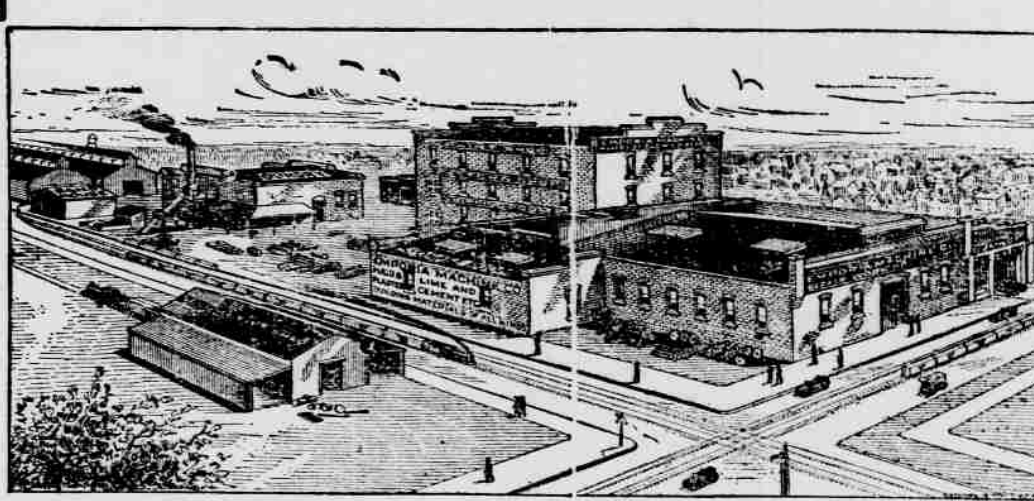
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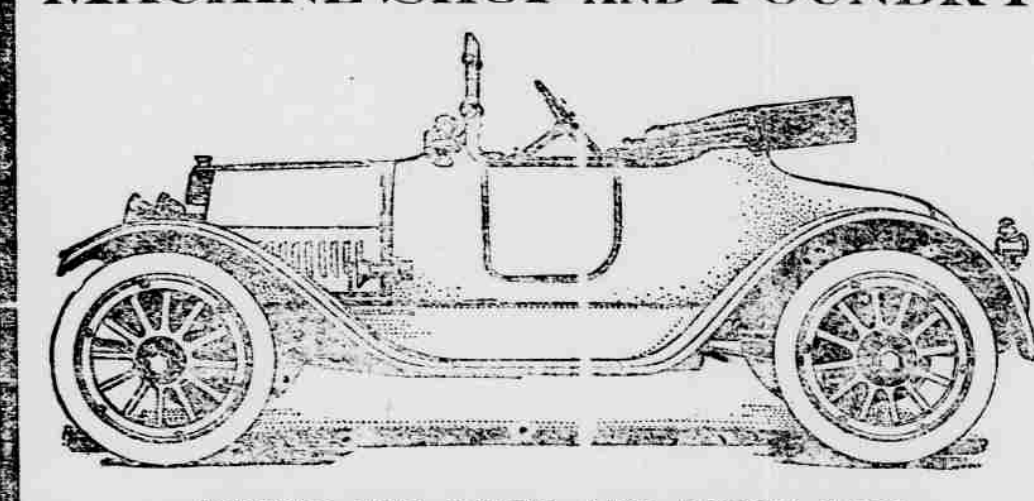
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