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STRUTHERS BURT POINTS THE WAY

When Struthers Burt came to the Sandhills he was quickly recognized as a good asset, for he has the sound sense to realize that the better the community may be as a place to live the better he is served individually as well as all the rest of us. Being of an aggressive turn of mind he takes hand in advocating this thing of making the community more attractive, and whether it be in Southern Pines, in Aberdeen, along the country roads or anywhere in the territory of the Sandhills or even farther away he is a missionary in the cause of making North Carolina the pleasant place to live which Nature has made possible.

But Mr. Burt can not do the job alone. He is carrying out his ideas at his home in Southern Pines and by his work in the Chamber of Commerce there he is influencing the village to mighty successful efforts in the right line. If he lived in Aberdeen he would probably fire the woods occasionally in this village. But it is not worth while to leave everything to the missionary or the engineer. Mr. Burt is considerate enough to suggest to Aberdeen what can be done, and the value of doing it. He cannot carry out his plans by his single effort for he has neither the time, the authority or the other qualifications for the execution of the plans in a village in which he does not live.

That puts the job up to the people, and his encouraging suggestions and illustrations, together with his example in his own home town should have a marked influence on Aberdeen. It would be a pity to allow his interests in this community to be ignored by failure to join in with the betterment plans that are active in all other sections of the county, or to be satisfied with any less than the most that can be done here. Aberdeen cannot let Mr. Burt think his interest is not appreciated, nor can the town go back on itself after his helpful counsel.

SENATOR MORRISON SPEAKS HIS PIECE

One thing about Cameron Morrison is that he has his tongue with him when he undertakes to say anything, and above his tongue is a bit of intellect that keeps fairly awake. He has not been long in the United States senate, yet long enough that the folks all over the country are frequently apprised as to where North Carolina is. The senator has made an opening for himself at times in the senate, and already he is established as a spokesman for his state, and one who can hold the attention of the meeting when he has anything to offer.

Not many new men in the senate come to the surface as quickly as Senator Morrison has done, partly because conditions have opened a road for him to reach public notice, but likewise because when the road opened he had something to exhibit which commanded attention. He has practically become a national figure because of the combination of conditions, his membership of the Democratic National committee being one of the points in his favor. He has already definitely nailed some defiances to the wall, and in rolling up his sleeve he has disclosed a sizeable arm which nobody doubts he will bring to the support of his demands.

Mr. Morrison has so positively defined his attitude toward the next presidential election that he is an outstanding warrior billed for the next campaign, and the preliminary battle will take train disregards the law. Cor- place March 5 when the Demo-

cratic committee meets in Washington the day after Congress adjourns. He is quick on his feet, with a good punch and an eye that tells where to drop his fifty pound weights when he strikes out. He has in his swift brief life in Washington registered for the big game, and North Carolina knows that it will be in the head lines until after the next general election.

THE TAX ON ELECTRIC COMPANIES

Presently the measures to tax the electric companies will be debated in the legislature. Much hot air will be injected into the debate, but after all is said and done the situation will remain much unchanged. Logically it must be figured that if the people want to tax the electric light current as the tax gasoline now little is to be said either way about it. We have a five cents tax on the gallon of gasoline and another cent is vigorously urged in some quarters. And why not if we want to pay our taxes that way? The people use the gasoline, they pay the tax. And if they want a tax on electric current or on tobacco or on anything else, why not?

Possible some folks delude themselves with the notion that the power companies or the tobacco companies or some one else will pay additional taxes that may be laid on new sources. But we might as well get rid of that notion before we ride it to a fall. The electric light companies and the tobacco companies and the gasoline companies and all other companies have no source of revenue but the people who buy their products, and even if some hopeful advocates do think the corporations will pay taxes without collecting the amount in the monthly bill it is well not to listen too willingly to such siren talk.

If anybody can find a way to collect taxes in North Carolina or any other place without collecting it from the man who pays the final bill that hopeful discoverer of something new will be a great pioneer in the unknown. No money comes from any source to pay expenses of anything else except from the consumer. The corporation that attempts to operate on its own money will find the receiver or the administrator handling the affairs of the corpse. And it is wise to be forewarned. It is logical enough to lay all the tax desired on the electric companies, or any other companies, but with the clear understanding that the money will come in due course of time from the buyer of the product, just as is illustrated most clearly in the gasoline tax. And, if that is the most painless way to get the money, no doubt it is as simple a method as any other. Individual, state or nation must pay its own taxes unless it has a gun and is big enough to compel someone else to deliver.

INDIVIDUALISM AND CENTRALIZATION

Both State and national governments are wrestling with the question of operation of industry by the people as individuals and as a government corporation. Much argument is heard on both sides, some apparently logical, some rather superficial, for individualism and state socialism both have advocates who are much in earnest. But an illustration was offered the other day by a philosopher who thinks these things over. He was in a group talking about state and national operation of railroads. The argument went along until a bolshevik spoke out and said that the whole thing is shown in the efficiency of state and national authority at the railroad crossing as compared with the authority of the private corporation at the same place.

The state says to stop when the automobile reaches a crossing. The law requiring the automobile to stop at a crossing was scarcely more than a joke while it lasted, and today few people give it any thought. The law to stop at street intersections is observed more or less frequently, and ignored more or less frequently. State authority in regard to stopping at crossings work about like any other state law.

But the proponent of the efficiency of private operation argued, when it is a railroad train crossing a railroad the law requiring a stop is effective. The management of the railroad tells its locomotive drivers to stop at

a crossing and they stop. That is the difference between the efficiency of operation by individuals or corporations as compared with the efficiency of operation by the law. The corporation has authority over its employees. The government has no authority that will enforce its laws. Railroads do not have collisions

at crossings and smash each other's equipment. They have collisions when the automobile that is run under state laws ignores the stop law and collides with a train, but never when a train disregards the law. Corporation efficiency would prevent accidents. State inefficiency produces them.

Correspondence

"WAGES," THEN AND NOW

In the twentieth chapter of Matthew we find the price of a day's labor was a penny, a Roman coin worth seven-pence halfpenny, or seven-pence three farthings in our money. This appears to have been the ordinary price of a day's labor at that time, about A. D. 29. In 1351 the price of labor was regulated by parliament; and "corn-weeders and hay-makers, without drink, or other courtesy demanded," were to have one penny a day. In 1314 the pay of a chaplain to the Scotch bishops, who were then prisoners in England, was three halfpence per day. This was miserable wages, though things at that time were so cheap that 24 eggs were sold for a penny; a pair of shoes for four-pence, a fat goose for two-

pence halfpenny, a hen for a penny; eight bushels of wheat for two shillings, and a fat ox for six shillings and eight-pence. In 1336, wheat per quarter 25; a fat sheep 6c; fat goose, 2c; and a pig 1c.

When I came to the Sandhills of North Carolina in 1898 labor was plentiful at ten cents per hour. Railway section laborers were paid \$12.50 to \$13.00 per month, carpenters \$1.25 per day, good quality rough lumber about \$5.00 per thousand feet.

People seemed to get along about as well then as they do now with the higher wages.

—GEORGE E. WELLS,
Pinebluff, N. C.

NOTE:—Prices was taken from Clarke's Commentary, Volume V, page 195. Matthew, 22:2.

Cameron and Community

Foreign Missions Studied

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, met last Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. J. M. Guthrie, Miss Mamie Arnold presiding. After the devotional and a short program on Foreign Missions, the Bible Study was conducted by the chairman. A special collection was taken for foreign missions, the hostess had prepared and sent out before the meeting red hearts as receptacles for the special collection. The sum of \$19.55 was the result. Miss Margaret Thomas assisted the hostess in serving delicious refreshments, a salad course and a delectable sweet course.

Valentine Program

Circle No. 2, met on Friday afternoon with Mrs. L. B. McKeithen, after devotional and a short business meeting, a very helpful program was presented in Valentine form, which was quite impressive. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Gibson Injured

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gibson of Rockingham were week end guests of Mrs. Janie Muse. Mrs. Gibson, unfortunately, let the rumble seat hood fall on her arm, causing her great pain and suffering for a short while; however no bones were broken.

Junior-Senior Banquet

On Friday, February 13, at the hour of eight, the Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the Science room of the Cameron High School. The room was beautifully decorated in patriotic colors, with symbols of George Washington. Games and contests were enjoyed throughout the evening. The grand prize was won by Miss Monte Pearl Bullock. At 10:15 a delightful two-course banquet was served in the music room. The class colors, rose and silver, were prominent in the table decorations. The souvenirs were attractive booklets, containing the class emblems, the program, and

menu. Numerous toasts and songs were given throughout the banquet, over which Miss Inez Wannamaker presided. Prof. and Mrs. E. S. Temple and Mrs. M. D. McIver were honored guests.

The members of the senior class are Misses Flora Phillips, Jessie Thomas, Monte Pearl Bullock, Jessie Cooper, Eulah Flynn, Andrew Hemphill and Clovis McDonald.

Personals

Mrs. Flora Black and J. A. Davis of Carthage were in town Tuesday. Mrs. Black came especially to see Prof. McIver.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. McGraw of Carthage, were in town Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tally, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean and Margaret McLean spent Sunday in Red Springs with Mrs. McLean's niece, a senior of Flora McDonald College.

Sanford shoppers this week were Misses Jacksie Muse, Elizabeth Ray, Thurla Cole, Annie Borst, Katie Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McKeithen, Mrs. N. C. McFadyen, Mrs. A. J. McRae and Mrs. J. E. Snow.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and E. K. Proctor of Whiteville, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Muse and son of Hamlet were called to the bedside of Prof. B. C. McIver Sunday. Prof. McIver continues critically ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Loula Muse on Carthage street.

Misses Maggie Wicker and Miss Stephens of Sanford were in town Sunday to see Prof. McIver, and on Monday Roger McIver Watts of Raleigh called to see him.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Muse and children were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wooten Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Overhouse, of Boston were in town on business Tuesday.

Mrs. D. B. Teague of Sanford spent Thursday with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill.

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