

LIVE TOPICS

SOME OF THE THINGS NORTH CAROLINA EDITORS TALK ABOUT

Concord Times: Mr. J. F. Easley, of No. 2 township, tells us that he carefully counted the blooms on ten stalks of cotton on his farm. On September 8th he counted the bolls on the ten stalks, and there were only 162, a shortage of 292. The stalks, he says, are about three feet high and the bolls are thin on the stalks. He says this is the condition throughout his crop.

Lexington Dispatch: The Farmers' Union is doing more for the farmer today than all other agencies combined. It is going to the bottom of things, reaching the wealthy planter and the humble 'cropper,' fostering the spirit of universal brotherhood and catering to no man or class of men. It is avoiding the pitfalls that wrecked the Farmers' Alliance and like organizations in the past by keeping out of politics and confining its operations to those things which vitally affect farm life.

Asheville Citizen: It goes without saying that the farmer of this day and age has surely come into his own. From all sections of the land are heard sage counsel and advice to the effect that the country's hope of prosperity lies in the soil, or rather the cultivation thereof. The young men and young women of the country are being, and are to be taught that farming can well take a high place among the arts and sciences, and that they who follow it have chosen wisely and well.

Whiteville News Reporter: Mr. R. T. Britt, one of our county's best farmers, who lives in the Prong section, says he has five acres of prolific corn, and which just can't be beat. On some stalks there are five or more ears. There is no estimating how many bushels per acre Mr. Britt's corn will make. He paid \$2 per bushel for the seed and says a farmer who plants this variety of prolific corn will never have to buy. We intend to visit our friend Britt and tell about his nice farm.

Roanoke-Chowan Times: The necessity for a legalized primary law for all parties is more apparent every day. Several conventions, both Republican and Democratic, held this year were a disgrace to the State. Years ago the Democrats made much fun of the Republican conventions, and they were so disgusting that they made votes for the Democrats, but now the methods employed by Democrats in many counties are making votes for the Republicans. The trading and trafficking, and other questionable methods practiced in many places will result in placing incompetent and corrupt men in office.

Nashville Graphic: The question of better roads for Nash county is an all important one and ever and anon is heard the report that some township in Nash will soon make a move to better the conditions. In Coopers township the people are beginning to agitate this question and at an early date there will be a good road rally at Sandy Cross, when the people will be addressed on the important matter and plans will be laid for the adoption of a better system of road-working in that township. This is a move in the right direction and shows that the people are becoming more thoroughly wedded to the idea that good roads are conducive to the general upbuilding of any county or state.

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: There is a growing sentiment throughout the State in favor of a legalized primary. Nearly every State in the union has such a law and it works very satisfactory. Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, is out in an interview favoring a legalized primary. He says: "I think the need of some better method of nominating county and State candidates is admitted everywhere and by everybody. I hope the next general assembly will prove for a legalized primary for Democratic and Republican parties to be held on a common day. Machinery could easily be provided somewhat similar to our present election law that would guarantee absolute fairness and an honest expression of the preference of electors in their respective parties. The State could have these primary elections held at a very small cost and in the end save a large expense of time and money to the people of the State."

She—"Before we were married you said I was the light of your eyes." He—"Did I? Will, I see now that I was only dazzled."—Boston Transcript.

Local Problems.

There are no greater problems for us to solve than those of a local nature. We may be interested in what congress does or what takes place in our international relations, but the problems that really affect us vitally are those of a local nature—those of town and county and state.

Among the vital economic problems now coming up for solution there is none of greater importance than that of putting our county officers on a salary. This ought to be done because a county ought to do business on business principles and the county treasury needs all the revenue it can get for the better support of schools and roads.

It is foolish for men to say that under the present system the county does not pay its officers anything. Exactly the contrary is true. The county does pay and pay well. To be sure it does not pay directly. Neither does a high tariff rob its victim directly. But what the tariff does indirectly is a plenty. And what the county does indirectly for its officers is also a plenty. In other words the county surrenders to its officers something that is virtually a franchise which ought yield enough money to pay the officers adequately and then from year to year accumulate a sum in the treasury that would substantially help in road building or in the support of the schools. It is the duty of tax-payers to take note of these possible sources of income and make the most of them. We owe it to ourselves, to our children and our county.—Kinston Free Press.

POLITICS.

"Intrust your public affairs to me," says the politician, "and I will mismanage them to the best of my disability, waste your money, raise the tax rate and corrupt the Legislature. And what will I charge for all that? Oh, a mere bagatelle—the difference between what things are worth and what the public holds them."

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The Gilt on the Brick.

In 1908 the Republican party solemnly pledged itself to so revise the tariff as to equalize the cost of production here and abroad.

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In 1909 a Republican Congress revised the tariff and a Republican President approved the revision.

In 1910 Republican orators all over the country are still urging and promising such a revision of the tariff as shall equalize the cost of production here and abroad.

There are historical facts which plead with irresistible force for the election of a Democratic Congress this year. The overburdened consumer cannot meet the enhanced cost of living with promises. He will be more than human if he shall not turn and rend his betrayer in November.—Philadelphia Record.

NATURE'S WARNING.

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THE SALARY OR FEE SYSTEM.

Voters of Nash County Will Vote on The Question in November.

For some time past there has been lively discussions in all the townships on the question of putting the various county officials on a salary and discarding the fee system which is now in force in Nash. This question was agitated during the recent primaries and it was then the Democratic Executive Committee decided to give the people of the county an opportunity to express themselves after they had acquainted themselves as thoroughly as possible as to the wisdom of making a change from the present system.

At the meeting of the Nash County Democratic Executive Committee in this place last Monday representative men from all the townships expressed the opinion that the voters in the townships wanted to vote on the question, hence the Committee decided to have this done on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, it being the date of the general election. At each voting precinct in the county will be placed a ballot box wherein the voter will deposit his ballot expressing his choice in the matter and on the result of the vote will depend whether or not a bill will be introduced and passed in the Legislature placing all the officials of the county on a salary. The Committee also made request of the Board of County Commissioners that the county officials be asked to make a statement of what the fees of their respective officials aggregated in the course of a year taking the year 1909 as a basis of calculation. Some of the officials say it will be a hard matter to ascertain the exact amount of the fees, yet they are up against the proposition of furnishing same as accurately as possible and their report will be watched with interest.—Nashville Graphic, September 8.

The Lash of a Fiend

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