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Liquor and Women at Raleigh

There is general doubt whether Mr. MacLean, of Beaufort, did right when he apologized for his "liquor-women" charge addressed against members of the General Assembly last week.

Whether this legislature has been influenced by either women or liquor may be a question that cannot be proven, and their may be no grounds for such a statement. There is one thing that there is little doubt about, however, and that is for 40-years, both liquor and women, bad women at that, have played a big part in influencing legislation. Those two evil influences have doubtless cost the common or average citizens of the State no less than \$100,000,000 in unfair taxes during the period of 40 years through their legislative manipulations.

Their influence was abroad in the capitol in the fusion days. Later on the liquor was moved to the old Yarrowborough hotel where the rooms of certain members were made dispensaries, those desirous of special legislation furnishing the liquor. The women went to East Raleigh and that particular section was converted into a rendezvous for a number of legislators.

Many unsuspecting members of the legislature in the days gone by have been trapped by one or the other, liquor or evil women, and their ideas and votes have been entirely changed by these baneful but powerful influences, either of which is calculated to sweep honest men off their feet and destroy their influence for good.

If the present legislature fails to accomplish a single thing so far as reducing taxes is concerned, it will be worth many times its cost for the education it has spread among the ordinary voters who have heretofore swallowed every political promise made them, and never knowing how they would desert them when they had an opportunity to help them. It only means a better fight next time.

Spring Later Than Usual

The old saying that leaves of most trees are grown by the 10th of May did not come true this year, showing the season to be later than usual. In fact, most observers declare it to be one of the latest seasons in many years, a few of the skeptics have really become a bit uneasy for fear the winter was going to last all summer. They forget that the laws of nature are so perfect and true that the seasons will come and go even though they vary a few days or perhaps a few weeks from one year to another. If the people who fear the weather will not suit, will only order their work as perfectly as the laws of nature order the weather, then we will have no need to fear or want for food or raiment.

Eastern Carolina's Saddest Scene

The saddest scenes along the highways and in the fields of Eastern Carolina these days are the women and children bent over tobacco beds pulling plants and then going home in the late afternoon tired and exhausted with hardly a shadow of reasonable hope of getting a reasonable remuneration for their labors.

Probably the reason people are putting in another big crop of tobacco is they don't know what else to do, and they have a faint hope that man can never fortell the future; and that prices might be better than those predicted.

The farmer is a man of faith and is always willing to try and try again. Yet, with as little prospect for profitable prices as we now have, it is sad to see farmers spend what cash they can get and overstrain themselves and their wives and children only to lose both their labor and cash.

No Compromise

The governor knows who is putting up the fight against sales and luxury taxes. Does he think they have whipped the land owners to the point that they will be willing to compromise on the trust's terms? Which he has virtually asked, that they do.

Another Gubernatorial Candidate

Mr. Baskerville, newspaper reporter of Raleigh, has nominated Speaker Willis Smith as a candidate for governor. Mr. Smith seems to be a just man; yet he is more of a trust lawyer than he is a statesman.

Voters should not make up their minds too quickly; they should find their friends before they pledge themselves in a convention.

An Asinine Performance

Partisan politics has always been distinguished chiefly for futility and meaningless noise, but sometimes it sinks to a depth that surprises even the people best acquainted with its low character. To our mind, about the most asinine political performance of the last year is the move to contest the election of Josiah W. Bailey to the United States Senate.

Mr. Bailey won over George M. Pritchard by the decisive majority of 114,000 votes. Weeks before the election it was plain that North Carolina was going to return to the Democratic fold, as Virginia had done a little while before, and the victory of Bailey was taken for granted by all intelligent observers in both parties. After the votes were counted the result was accepted throughout the state, without question, by Republicans as well as Democrats. No serious proposal to dispute it was made for months; and then a few busybodies in Washington inaugurated the contest.

Even if there had been any justification for a contest immediately after the election, which there was not, there would be none at this late date. No actual statute of limitations rules out a recount, but it should be ruled out by ordinary commonsense. We are now reading in the newspapers of the farcical procedure of seizing ballot boxes all over the state six months after the ballots were cast. For example, here is one despatch from Rockingham: "A deputy United States marshal awoke Clerk of the Court Thomas and Chairman of the County Boards of Elections McDonald at 12:30 o'clock tonight and served upon them orders, signed by Judge Hayes, requiring the marshal to take into custody the ballot boxes used in Richmond county. The boxes are still with the registrars of the 15 precincts, and it is not known whether the ballots have been preserved intact or not. Richmond county gave Bailey 2,490 votes and Pritchard 590." In Stanly county the ballots had been in the custody of the courthouse janitor since November. In each precinct in Davidson county one long ballot box was used, with eight or ten compartments partitioned and separately locked, and Federal officials will either have to saw the boxes apart or convey all the long boxes to Washington from the 33 precincts.

We are astonished that as sensible a man as Pritchard is reputed to be could give his countenance to such a stupid and hopeless enterprise.—Chapel Hill Weekly.

Carolina farms are the smallest of any state, counting only cultivated area. Cultivated acres per farm in North Carolina were only 19.5 in 1925; 126 acres in 1860.

b. Depletion of soil fertility.  
c. Hand-made cash crops. Waste of human, horse, and machine power.  
d. Crop farming mainly, hindering livestock development.  
e. Lower standards of living.  
f. Production of great farm wealth annually, but little of it retained where produced, mainly because of the cropland system and excessive labor cost in hand-made crops.  
g. An unstable, unsafe basis for agriculture.

h. Small farm dividends because cash crops are a gamble with market prices.  
i. Home raised supplies neglected, and farm operation on a credit basis.  
j. Unsafe, unstable, basis for agricultural labor, due mainly to the loose one-year contract. The social consequences are largely due to the constant migration of tenants.

Mr. Hobbs discusses at length in his book the social effects of tenancy. This discussion makes dismal reading—the truth certainly hurts.

Mr. Hobbs suggests a number of remedies for farm tenancy; but we are quoting only one of these:

"The last, surest, and best method is to produce all the food and feed crops needed for consumption on the farm, and then produce the two best cash crops on the face of the earth, cotton and tobacco, of which we in the South have a monopoly, and bank the wealth secured from the sale of these crops. This practice, if followed for ten years, would make our farmers rich. It would enable us to accumulate a surplus with which to buy farms and move from farm tenancy over into farm ownership."

Chapter 7, on Farm Tenancy, Professor Hobbs' book, closes with the following warning:

"Our leading tenant counties should begin to look for some sensible solutions of the tenant problem. If the practice of the last 60 years continues, eastern North Carolina will be a land of a few landlords and many tenants. History teaches us the peril of this condition."

Tobacco farmers in Wilson County will be from 10 days to two weeks late in setting the plans this year due to the late spring and the small plants now in the beds, says County Agent W. L. Adams.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many sympathizing friends and to all who ministered so faithfully to us during the sickness and at the death of our son, Bonnie. We especially thank those who sent flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bailey  
And Family.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County, in superior court.

W. W. Griffin vs. Roy Lanier  
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, the 1st day of June, 1931, at 12 o'clock m., at the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., sell to the highest bidder, for cash, all the right, title and interest which the said Roy Lanier, the defendant, has in the following described land:

A tract of land in Williams Township, Martin County, adjoining the lands of Frank Barber, Gus Lanier, Geo. Williams, and others, containing acres, more or less, and more commonly known as Bettie Lanier land.

This the 1st day of May, 1931.  
C. B. ROEBUCK,  
my8 4t Sheriff Martin County.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by H. R. Mizelle and wife, Sarah Jane Mizelle on the 28th day of May 1930, and recorded in Book C-3, Page 314, we will on Saturday the 16th day of May 1931 at 12 o'clock, noon at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land to-wit: Being the Odie Killebrew interest in the Charles Spruill Land Division

and being Lot No. 4 in said Division and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning in the center of the public road leading from Everetts to Robersonville (being N. C. Highway No. 90) at the corner of Lot No. 3, thence S. 8 E. 2.89 chs. S. 3 1-2 E. 26.25 chs. N. 31 1-2 W 24.40 chs. to the said road, thence along the road to the beginning, containing 19.8 acres, more or less.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of H. R. Mizelle and wife, Sarah Jane Mizelle to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale. This the 14th day of April, 1931.  
ELBERT S. PEEL,  
a-21-4t Trustee,  
For North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham, Durham, N. C.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in two several Deeds of Trust executed to Mary M. Jones and Sarah M. Mitchum by Simon P. Moore on the 14th day of January, 1922, and on the 31st day of December 1921, respectively, to the undersigned Trustee, which Trust Deeds are of record in the public registry of Martin county in Book U 1 at page 257 and Book U 1 at page 248 respectively, default having been made in the payments under each Deed of Trust, and at the direction of the holder thereof, the undersigned Trustee, will on the 25th day of May 1931 at 12 o'clock noon in front of the courthouse door, Williamston, North Carolina, expose to sale the following described property:

First tract: Bounded on the North by old J. B. Coffield land, on West by Reuben Jones, on South by Simon P. Moore, and on West by John

Purvis, being same land conveyed to Simon P. Moore by Virginia Moore, recorded in Martin County Registry in Book T-1, 478.

Second tract: Being that same tract of land conveyed by W. H. Wilson and wife, Sarah A. to York Moore, of record in Martin County Registry in Book EE, page 634, to which reference is made for full description, containing 22 acres, more or less.

Third tract: Being that tract of land conveyed by W. H. Wilson and wife to York Moore, of record in said Registry in Book EE, page 635, to which reference is made for full description, containing 54 acres, more or less.

Terms of sale, cash.  
This the 24th day of April 1931.  
B. DUKE CRITCHER,  
a-24-4t Trustee,  
Jos. W. Bailey, Att'y.

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K. B. Crawford

Robersonville, N. C.

April 28, 1931.

Mr. W. G. Peele, Special Agent, Life Insurance Company of Virginia, Williamston, N. C.

Dear sir:

I acknowledge with sincere appreciation receipt of the check of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia for \$10,000.00, in settlement of Policy No. 173920, which was issued to my late husband, Jesse Haywood Everett, in 1929.

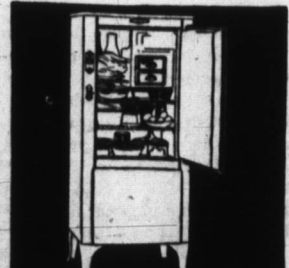
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ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES FARM TENANCY

By GUY A. CARDWELL Agricultural and Industrial Agent, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.

Professor S. H. Hobbs, Jr., of the University of North Carolina, in his book, "North Carolina Economic and Social," says: "Tenancy in the cotton-belt South generally is a system, a substitute for ownership, not a stepping stone into ownership." Then he outlines the economic advantages and disadvantages of farm tenancy, keeping especially in mind North Carolina and the rest of the South. The economic advantages in part are as follows:

- a. Affords a living to landless, moneyless labor.
  - b. Supports agriculture in regions lacking cash operating capital.
  - c. Is a school of experience and a stepping stone into farm ownership—to Southern Negroes mainly. In the South one-fourth of the Negro farmers are owners, in Virginia nearly three-fourths, in North Carolina nearly one-third.
  - d. Produces large crop total per year, large per acre totals, but small per man.
- Some of the economic disadvantages are the following:
- a. Steady decrease in the average size of farms. Southern farms are the smallest in the United States. North

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