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#### Misplaced Sympathy

At the March term of Martin County Superior Court, one J. Neal Watson, of Roseboro, N. C., was convicted of buying and concealing stolen goods on a very large scale. The charge was buying and concealing all or part of \$1,300 worth of cigarettes stolen from the Harrison Wholesale Company, of this place.

It was a case in which flagrant guilt was shown on every hand. Watson also admitted to the court that he had been previously convicted of the same or a greater offense at a previous time and had served time in prison for it. He admitted frankly to the sheriff of this county that he was guilty of all that he was charged with. Watson did not go on the stand during the trial here to make explanation of the counts against him, if not guilty. After a verdict of guilty had been returned, Judge Parker sentenced him to prison for six to eight years. The only thing brought out in the prisoner's behalf was that he had a good father and a good wife and fine children.

Now a hungry lawyer is bending every effort possible to procure Watson's release from prison, saying that the chief witness against Watson was hired by the prosecution to swear falsely against him. This lawyer is trying to induce the jurors who rendered the verdict to recommend the prisoner's release.

In our opinion, there is nothing that lowers the respect for government more than the system worked in our country to try to cripple the processes of the law. And many times, after matters have been before the proper branch of the government and properly and justly disposed of, it is again taken up before some other department of the state with an entirely different story. Efforts are made to have all the prosecuting witnesses, jurors, etc., who are generally men of hearts and consciences, ask for leniency, and as an act of mercy, and entirely in the absence of justice, they sign. Then the governor has an entirely new case before him, and the man is turned loose to kill, rob, and steal again.

Our system of government is unsafe when a man with money can do more injustice and escape more justice than a man without money. Yet in the Watson case, there seems to be a lawyer who is seeking to make the trial jurymen feel that they committed a grievous error in their judgment.

#### Back To Work at High Point

It is gratifying to see the High Point strikers lay down their clubs and go back to work.

This seems to be one time in all our history when labor has no grounds for striking, and if men demand higher wages on rising prices, what will they do on a falling market? They will perhaps become dangerous menaces

It is apparent that labor has suffered at the hands of greedy employers in many cases. But we are now proceeding on a new basis, and those unfair points are being watched to the epd that a fair basis of wages for both the employer and employee will be found and put into operation.

### Even the Turk Knows

Building and loan stock seems to be one of the most dependable as well as one of the most popular stocks in the entire world these days.

The Edgecombe Home Building and Loan Association, of Tarboro, has just recently sold 40 shares of stock to a resident of Sam Sun, Turkey, showing the long distance confidence in that particular association, as well as in building and loan generally. And, by the way, a Martin County man, Alonzo D. Mizelle, is

secretary of the Edgecombe association. Building and loan is a sure way and a safe way to save and invest. Even the Turk knows it.

## Going Too Far

We fear the matter of higher wages is going rather too far in some cases, especially so in the case of emergency relief work, where the minimum wage is to be 30 cents per hour.

With the type of workmen out of jobs in this section, most people would hardly be willing to board them for what work they would do, even if they had a surplus of food. Certainly we have no business that can live after paying the type of labor such as the majority we have the government scale.

They are not worth the price, and it will be far preferable to feed them and their families daily than it will be to hinder business by forcing it to pay such wages as the emergency relief organization is prescribing to the large majority of such cattle as are out of work.

#### A Forward Step

Tobacco warehousemen in Eastern Carolina have launched a reform in their method of getting farmers' tobacco to their warehouses. Heretofore, for years, they have hired truckers to drum the country and haul tobacco, on commission, on salary, and almost any old way.

These methods have progressed so far that it is pretty generally conceded that somebody is having to pay too much to sell their tobacco. The warehouseman either had to lose money or take too much out of somebody's tobacco.

The truck was conceded to be a stifler of competition, and the only way any warehouse could keep up with his competitior was to buy a truck and haul, too, and then he had to charge up the operation of his 4 truck to the tobacco farmers.

The new method will do away with much unfair competition, put sales on their merits, enable every warehouse to do its best for every customer.

It is understood that every warehouse in this belt has already signed an agreement not to haul nor to pay haulers commissions, and do their very best for every farmer who sells with them. This is the proper system to follow so long as we have the auction ware-

#### A New Profession

Automobile stealing is getting to be a real profession with a lot of folks. They do not seem to mind sneaking around and taking cars wherever they can find them. It looks as if the old-time law for horsestealing, with its penalty of death by hanging, will have to be applied. The courthouse and jail will have to be used more freely before this type of crime

Thousands and thousands of cars are stolen yearly, a portion of them by boys who do it for the convenience of a ride, but most of them are stolen for the profit to be derived from it, which is the kind of stealing the law should punish more harshly.

#### No Work, No Eat

We already hear that labor is refusing to work, especially is that true on farms. Even some of those who were fed and clothed last winter and spring by the public are now refusing to work unless they can get prices much above the ability of the farmer to

This is a matter the government should take a hand in. Mark every man who refuses to work and withhold all charity from him.

Reports are current that some men in this county are not working and are sending their wives to draw rations every week from the public dole, claiming they are on the verge of starvation. Every such person shrould be arrested for vagrancy and put to work on the public roads while his family is being fed.

If public charity reaches too far and wages go too high, it is going to take a standing army to make some people work.

Those who will not work should not be allowed

### Sales Tax Argument

Watauga Democrat.

The sales tax continues as the most popular topic of conversation, aside from the noble eperiment, and the new levy is freely discussed and soundly on all hands. One merchant, however, got down to facts and figures with The Democrat the other day and shows the net dollar and cents situation as regards Watauga County, and this is the way it goes: The asessed valuation in Watauga is \$8,000,000. The removal of the 15-cent advalorem saves \$12,000. The retail trade in 1929 was \$2,010,000, which, when halved to take care of the panic, makes a round one million. Three per cent of that amount equals \$30,-000 estimated new taation as against a reduction of \$12,000, making a conservative increase of \$18,000 in the amount Watauggans have to pay in taxes. And the man is yet to be found who likes it.

#### Teachers' Salaries

Asheville Times.

It is likely, says a dispatch from Raleigh, that the State School Commission will not write the salary schedule for teachers before next week. Other budget items, such as transportation and operation of plant, will proleble first be fixed.

It is no secret, however, that regardless of all the economies the commission can effect the state's sum of money available for the eight month schools will fall far short of reasonable requirements.

It is clear, therefore, that the public school teachers will not share in the national recovery program. It follows, too, that the teachers will be under enforced restraint, when almost every other group of citizens is employing an enlarged buying power to help make the national recovery enterprise a success.

For the teachers' hours will not be shortened; their minimum pay will not permit a margin above bare necessities.

The moral for Asheville and many other communities is plain: Supplements to the state school fund, voted by the people, are imperatively necessary for maintaining minimum standards in the schools.

In Asheville ,estimates conservatively calculated make it virtually certain that, without the supplement, there will be a dearth of funds for heating the buildings, to say nothing of providing reasonable minimum salaries for the teachers.

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