

EDITORIAL PAGE



THE ADVANCE

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A NEEDED AMENDMENT

Pasquotank County's experience in its endeavor to secure needed local legislation through the State Assembly will doubtless make of more than usual interest the following editorial from the News and Observer, which, by the way, is entirely in harmony with the views expressed by The Advance:

"It will be a fine day in North Carolina when matters of legislation which pertain to cities, towns and counties are transacted at home where the people directly affected can know fully what is going on.

That day will come when there is adopted an amendment to the Constitution of the State by which local and private legislation will be taken from the General Assembly and placed in the hands of officials of the various communities.

In Davidson county right now there is an illustration of this matter. A number of people there are up in arms because of the passage by the General Assembly of a bill by which the issue of \$300,000.00 in road bonds was authorized for that county, the bill for this having been introduced by Representative C. H. B. Leonard, a Republican member of the House. If the amendment to the constitution as to the local and private legislation, proposed by Senator Henry A. Gilliam is adopted by the people at the next general election such matters will be directly in the hands of the people at home.

As matters are now there are so many bills before each General Assembly that it is difficult even for men on the spot to keep track of all that goes on. When the General Assembly is in session at Raleigh there are measures proposed even for this city and county of which the people either know nothing, or only learn of in time to take quick action in fighting legislation to which they are opposed. With counties at a distance from Raleigh it is easy to see the propositions which they have to go up against.

If the people of North Carolina want to have a direct hand in matters which concern them they will be exhibiting wisdom in voting for the proposed amendment which would eliminate and restrict the passage of bills by the General Assembly having to do with local and private legislation."

This is no new doctrine from The News and Observer for that valuable paper fought hard for such an amendment before the last general election. But it comes with particular force at this time and we do not believe that could they vote on this matter now the people would be so apothetic in this section as they were last fall.

Nothing could be more unsat-

isfactory and more uncertain and more disposed to stir up strife and destroy harmony than the fact that a representative of this county can go to Raleigh and pass a law vitally affecting his constituents, without the people at home ever being able to hear a word about it. We very much fear that an unpopular road bill, for instance, will seriously set back the good roads sentiment of the county for a long time to come.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Advance has read with interest the following editorial from Charity and Children.

"As we trudge along life's road we are disillusioned by seeing many an idol turn to common clay. There was a time when we were foolish enough to accept what was popularly considered a maxim: 'our populi; our Dei.' We verily thought that the people made no mistake and that if they only had full control of our public affairs all our political problems would be solved and the administration of government would be faithful, honest and true. The truth is the people are easily fooled. They are honest but they do not know. They are poor judges both of measures and of men. A big mouthed demagogue can sweep the masses of men off their feet when calm reason on the part of a real statesman would utterly fail. The masses of men are oftener moved by their emotion than they are by their reason, and a sharp shrewd fellow of the baser sort is frequently able through his fuss and fury to becloud the real issue and lead the people to vote to their own hurt."

The article goes on to give praise to the representative of Davidson who had the courage, taking a few friends into his confidence, to go to the legislature and have passed a good roads bond issue for his county, though the people at the polls had voted down the proposition by a substantial majority.

We have never had any illusions about the infallibility of the voice of the people. We remember too well how Jerusalem slew the prophets and stoned them that were sent unto her. We know that in all ages it has been the fate of reformers to be ridiculed, of discoverers to be laughed at and of prophets to be persecuted. John the Baptist was beheaded unavenged by the populace who had flocked to the Jordan to hear him. Joan of Arc met her death at the stake because a wicked and perverse generation returned again the fatal verdict "She hath a Devil." Savonarola was led to the scaffold because he was deserted by the fickle multitude that had made his fame. Columbus died in chains and disgrace unwept by the nation which he had exalted.

But though the people make mistakes it is true of the race as it is of the individual that experience is the only effective teacher. The Advance has never believed in ramming reform down the throat of an unwilling citizenship. The people have got to learn the business of self government. Indeed we believe that they are learning, though slowly. The demagog is still with us but his day is passing. Surely it will be granted that he has not the power that he wielded a generation ago. And if there is neither wisdom nor intelligence

in the masses, let us at once give up democracy and representative government. Let us set up a benevolent absolutism. This plan would no doubt for a time mean material progress for a nation, but what would it mean to a people shorn of responsibility and of privilege?

WHAT A BANK CAN DO

We glean the following most interesting observation from the last number of the North Carolina University News Letter:

Some thirty odd counties in North Carolina have been saying, Cotton and Tobacco first, home-raised food and feed stuffs last.

Dr. Thomas N. Carter, Economic advisor for the Federal Department of Agriculture is saying, The first business of the farm is to feed the farmer's family and the farm animals.

The first business of a county is to be self-feeding, no matter what else it does.

And it is important for a growing city to be the center of a well developed food producing region. The high cost of living forces this primary concern upon every city Board of Trade.

In Winston Salem the Wachovia Bank leads the way.

This bank is offering \$250 in cash prizes for the best per-acre yield of hay. More than five hundred farmers in sixteen counties are already registered for the contest, says the Winston Salem Journal.

Mr. R. M. Stockton of Forsyth County Club at the University finds that the food and feed consumed in Forsyth county in the census year amounted to \$2,560,000 more than the farmers of the county produced.

The bill for imported supplies needs to be signed in 96 counties of the state. Only three were self-raising communities with surplus to market in 1910.

WHAT THE COUNTRY CHURCH NEEDS

The Advance has had a good deal to say from time to time about the need in our country churches of resident pastors and we have given it as our humble opinion that the fact that so many country churches in this section are served by Elizabeth City preachers explains the lack of development and growth in the country churches of this section, which are not so strong today comparatively as they were a generation ago. In line with what we have said is the following extract from this week's University News Letter.

"A little group of country ministers in four Missouri counties has begun to study manures and fertilizers, flocks and herds, seed selection, diversification and rotation of crops, and the marketing of farm products. They are feeling the multitudes. "But Orange has such coun-

try-minded ministers—three at least. Rev. O. B. Mitchell is calling to-gether the farmers of Goresville community March 20th, to discuss with them better methods of farming and prizes for the best acres of corn and cotton.

"The country-minded ministers will solve the problems of the country church. Once a month sermons by absentee ministers will hardly do it."

Commenting on the success of a popular novel which has been the 'best seller' for a number of months a literary critic in the Bookman says:

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The Freshman number of the Elizabeth City High School Tatler which is just off the press shows in its contributions a pleasing variety and in its editorials an appeal for increased 'school spirit' which is most wise and commendable.

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By HAROLD HERSEY

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Your eerie roost
Into the night.
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Upon the street
And lift the heavy switching bar
With lazy
Loitering feet.

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Its loud bell clangs,
And you pull hard
To let it pass and then leave you
There
Alone, on guard,
All through the hours of the
Dusty day
And through the night,
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His post,
You and your light.

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