

**EDITORIAL PAGE**

**THE ADVANCE**

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**THE BETTER HALF**

"As long as every farmer keeps his garden on the grocery shelf, he sells everything wholesale and buys everything retail."

That is spicy reading, and many of our readers will be surprised to learn that it is quoted from a farmer's bulletin issued by the government which may be had for the asking.

It strikes The Advance, in this connection that the canning outfit such as is used by the canning club girls in Pasquotank would be profitable investment for every farm.

To grow a good crop and to grow it at low cost is but half of the farmer's problem after all. The other half comes in his disposition of what he makes. In grading and packing his potatoes and in finding the best market for them, in preventing waste of the over-supply of fruits and vegetables—these are the things that count in the final reckoning.

**A REAL BENEFIT**

The Advance has been intending for some time to call to general attention the value of the Federal Market News Bureau established in Elizabeth City during the Irish potato season this year. We had hoped to see it re-established while the shipping of sweet potatoes is in progress in Currituck, as it would, no doubt aid the work of the Carolina Potato exchange in marketing that crop.

The advantages to the farmer and to the local commission men of the reports made public by this bureau are evident. From the grower's standpoint, the value of the bureau is set forth in the following letter from R. E. L. Griggs of Point Harbor, Currituck county:

"I hardly know how to estimate the actual benefit the information you have been furnishing the potato growers has been to all of us. You see, to know the amount of potatoes going on the market each day and to know the price they are selling for in each market, shows us plainly how the supply and the demand are comparing. We all know that when the supply is greater than the demand, then the price is bound to go lower. With the information you are supplying the growers, if it was in the hands of all the growers and they were educated up to observing each day's information and would act on the information you are giving, then it would be worth thousands of dollars to the poor, hard working farmer. It has been a great benefit to our section this potato season, and we hope and trust you will continue it thru the sweet potato season. It is a great help in many ways, but one of the greatest is, it shows when each section begins to ship and when it is most through shipping."

Here is a letter from A. W. Stanton, a Pasquotank potato grower:

"I did not have many potatoes this year, but believe the Market News Service the best thing we have ever had. We can form better ideas of when to ship our potatoes.

It gives us more interest in the crop. I have not shipped any of mine yet, but I have looked over the news every day with a great deal of interest, and should always recommend the continuance of its service. I certainly appreciate the prompt and nice way that you have conducted the service this time, and hope you will continue with us if the service is continued."

Others who endorsed the work of the Bureau in Elizabeth City are: D. E. Williams, of South Mills, W. H. Gallop, of Jarvisburg, James E. Clark of Washington, W. G. Ferrelle of Belcross, F. G. Latham of Belhaven, R. C. Abbott of Elizabeth City and A. Sawyer of Belcross.

**ANOTHER SUGGESTION**

The Advance some time ago editorially inquired what had become of Pasquotank county's finance report this year.

A few days later a member of the County Board of Commissioners, with perhaps a tinge of asperity, informed us that the report had been published in The Advance.

We made the rejoinder that what the commissioner referred to was merely a summary and did not comply with the requirements of the law calling for the publication of the report.

To this there was no answer except that the form of report published this year was the same as has been used for the last four years.

Still, perhaps it is not amiss to inquire what form would meet the requirements of the law? No doubt it would require a lawyer, and perhaps two or three of them, to answer the question.

In this connection the University News Letter has a valuable suggestion which we take much pleasure in passing along, not only for the consideration of thoughtful readers in Pasquotank, but also for those in other counties of this section:

"Would it be possible to devise (1) a simple, standardized form of accounting for all moneys received and paid out by the county officers of North Carolina, and (2) a uniform exhibit sheet that would show at the end of each fiscal year exactly how each county stood in its finances?"

If so, each county could be compared with others in a score or more particulars, and ranked accordingly; say, in the average annual cost of indoor and outside paupers, the per capita cost of convicts and work animals in road building, the cost per mile of sand-clay or topsoil road construction, the keep of jail prisoners per person per day and so on and so on.

"The taxpayers could easily see in which county they were getting the most or the least for their money; and where expenses were light or unreasonably heavy.

"At present, outside the school accounts, no county in the state can be compared with all the others in the expenditure of public moneys. Nobody knows whether his county government is inefficient and wasteful or not. There is no basis for comparison.

"New York State not only standardizes these county accounts and exhibits but keeps an auditing commission busy the year around instructing county officials and holding them up to the mark in their record keeping. They act under the direction of the Comptroller-General.

"In North Carolina such a commission might be directed by the state auditor or the state treasurer. And why not? The county is merely a detached agent of the state. The plan does not interfere with local self-government. It helps county government on to efficiency.

We believe that dishonesty is rare in our county officers, but the county exhibits published from year to year bring us to believe that our methods of account keeping are generally antiquated, and confusing almost beyond belief."

**From Europe To Mexico**

(By United Press)  
San Antonio, July 19—William G. Shepperd, United Press Correspondent, who has already visited every European battle front, has arrived at San Antonio ready to start out upon a tour of the militia camps. He will write a series of papers for the United Press comparing the militiamen with the European fighters.

**ODD FELLOWS AT TROTVILLE**

The regular semi-annual meeting of the First District Convention of Odd Fellows meets today and Thursday at Trotville for the transaction of business pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of the Order in this district.

The following members of Achorree Lodge No. 14 will attend: W. A. Bundy, Chas. Raulfs, and Rev. E. F. Sawyer.

The party left at 1:10 on the Suffolk and Carolina and will return Friday morning on the same train. Delegates from Camden, Shiloh, Poplar Branch, Powells Point, and Mantoo passed through here on their way to the convention today. There are eighteen of these lodges and 1,500 members in the First District.

**Leaves Hospital**

The many friends of Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden will be glad to hear that he leaves the Elizabeth City Hospital at five o'clock and hopes to be entirely well within a short time.

**EXCURSION TO BEACH**

The First Methodist and City Road Sunday schools will run an excursion from Elizabeth City to Virginia Beach on Friday, July 28.

The train will leave Elizabeth City at eight o'clock in the morning and will leave the Beach on the return trip at seven in the evening. Arrangements have been made with the Casino Corporation whereby all patrons of the excursion will be accorded every accommodation desired.

The train will stop at Camden, Belcross, Gregory, Shawboro and Moyock.

**NOTICE**

To satisfy a Mortgage Deed executed to me by Joseph Godfrey, and wife Charlotte Godfrey, which Deed is duly registered in the Register of Deeds Office of Pasquotank Co., N. C., in Book 41 page 214, I shall sell, for cash, at the Court House door in said County on Saturday the 12th day of August, 1916 at 12 o'clock M., the following pieces or parcel of land lying and being in Nixonton Township, Pasquotank County, N. C. designated as follows: Bounded on the north by lands of Mrs. Gertrude Greenleaf and others, on the east by the lands of Proctor Pool on the south by the lands of J. F. Brothers, and on the west by the lands of Channey, Charles Pool and C. W. Dance, containing 25 acres more or less; and the following chattel property, to-wit: one light bay or sorrel horse bought of T. B. Cooke.

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**RAILROAD WAGES**

Shall they be determined by Industrial Warfare or Federal Inquiry?

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employes on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employes is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employes.

On all the Southern railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employes earned these wages (lowest, highest and average of all) as shown by the payrolls—

	Passenger		Freight		Yard	
	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average
Engineers . . . . .	\$1972	\$2306	\$1455	\$1916	\$1156	\$1566
	3810		3505		2424	
Conductors . . . . .	1552	1847	1353	1580	1055	1245
	2696		2358		1749	
Firemen . . . . .	943	1209	649	979	406	777
	1652		1638		1302	
Brakemen . . . . .	957	1109	755	958	754	990
	1736		1854		1405	

The average yearly wage payments to all Southern train employes (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers . . . . .	\$2144	\$1772	\$1313
Conductors . . . . .	1723	1488	1157
Firemen . . . . .	1096	865	688
Brakemen . . . . .	1013	845	868

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employes) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employes' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

**National Conference, Committee of the Railways**

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