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**CRANBERRIES FROM DARE**

Just two years ago this very week The Advance carried an article from its Stumpy Point correspondent about "Cranberries in Dare."

This article was a particularly interesting one to the Advance family, who had lived so long inland that they had missed many of the advantages of this blessed section and had read of cranberries growing in Massachusetts but never before in the sunny South.

Believing that all the ignorance of the State had not concentrated itself in The Advance family, the article was sent to the Charlotte Observer in briefer form and appeared a month or two later in that paper as a feature story with a double column head.

The world having been enlightened so far as was at that time in the writers power, the subject was dropped and in some measure forgotten.

Yesterday afternoon while doing the day's marketing, the freshness of a big measure of cranberries displayed in the window of the Eagle Grocery attracted the attention of the marketer and inquiry about them brought from Mr. Scott the answer "Why yes, they came in today from Dare."

"We have the Massachusetts cranberries over here in the back of the store," continued Mr. Scott, "so you can take your choice."

Thank you, The Advance prefers Democratic cranberries from Dare to Republican cranberries from Massachusetts, and Mr. Davis of the Advance force, who knows all about Dare is going to tell the Advance readers more about Dare cranberries soon.

**WHY TAKE A TOWN INVENTORY**

By William Byron Forbush.

An inventory is the prime requisite to taking up any new business successfully. You would not buy a store or a factory, you would not engage a furnished house, you would not undertake to teach a school or to take over a medical practice, until you knew what was in it, what you were getting for your money. You need to know in what condition your future possession is, or what it needs before it gets into good condition, before you go to work.

So in community betterment the wisest preliminary is an inventory.

It is possible to get along without it. A civic improvement society can sow a grass-plot and put up a sign telling people to get off, a commercial club may put a big placard at the railroad station telling strangers to come to town and get free building plots and no taxes for factories, a woman's club can ornament the street corners with green boxes to hold litter, and yet none of them may reach deep into the town's needs or have a job big enough to interest earnest citizens in keeping up the work.

But when you know what you have got and haven't got, you know just what you need. It is easy to go around beating the drums of local pride about the town's pet advantage,

but just as soon as you have discovered that you are ages behind your rival town of the same size in a matter that is perfectly easy to remedy, or that you are ages behind all decent towns of your size in a matter that vitally affects public health, you have the challenge of a task big enough to keep the whole town busy for a while.

**What Inventories Have Discovered**

Springfield, Illinois, was the home and contains the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. It is a good town, as towns go. It meant well. It had its civic improvement societies, and it was joggling along in a comfortable and on the whole, progressive way. But all of a sudden somebody decided it would be a good thing to know Springfield better, to plan for betterment without so much guess work. So experts were sent for and Springfield set down to study itself. The survey of Springfield is very interesting. At one or two places it became startling. There had been more or less typhoid about. People did not think much of it. Every city has a little. Four millions had been spent by the city for water works and sewers, and the water was frequently examined and always found safe for domestic use. The inventory showed however, that the mortality from typhoid was 52 per 100,000 and had been as high as eighty. Some cities had but twenty. What was the matter?

Many people were still using wells. The water of 150 of them was examined, and all but three were found to be dangerously polluted. Six thousand wells were found "the pollution of which was guaranteed by 7,000 privy vaults."

The next year, after these homes were connected with the city water the mortality from typhoid went down into the twenties, instead of fifties and sixties, per 100,000.

**Saving Babies**

We are not so heathenish about blaming the deaths of babies upon Providence as we once were, yet we have gotten into the habit of expecting that about so many will die anyway not realizing that the medical ideal is that every baby safely born ought to live to grow up. In this same Springfield the deaths, the summer after they cleaned up their milk supply, from infantile diarrhea were reduced one-third. They saved twenty-seven babies from death. If it had been your baby you would have been glad.

In every town there is some one defect that people like to cover up. In one town it was their shanties, and the day they had a great civic celebration they built a high fence in front of them—instead of tearing them down. In another town it was the open garbage pails, and they should be kept in the alleys instead of on the street curb!

But there are towns that think it pays to know. They won't fend off calamity by hiding their heads. In the sand. They want the town to be clean, and not merely look clean.

**An Inventory is Good Business.**

Surveys have got a black eye in this country, because unscrupulous news-mongers have hunted abroad merely the destructive side. But a town inventory is above all things constructive. It should reveal many pleasant facts; it should give new material for town advertising. It will set people to work to do what needs to be done, and when they do that the town prospers. In Springfield real estate men soon began to advertise their property on its sanitary merits, and "sanitation took on a commercial value."

The best way to take a town inventory is the cheapest. Even a small town can afford it. The method is not essentially different from the way one would take the inventory of an estate. Appraisers are needed, under the guidance of a chief appraiser who is something of an expert. The citizens may be their own appraisers. They may unite cheerfully, for it is not an inquest, pleasantly, for it is not a muck-racking expedition; seriously, for they don't want to lose the facts by being partial or superficial.

A good challenge with which to start is this motto: "We want ours to be a 100 per cent town; we intend to find how near that it is now."

The price of The Advance to city subscribers is now five cents per week. Have your nickel ready or the collector on Saturday.

If you want an extra copy of The Advance you can get it from Scott & Twiddy's news stand in the Hinton building, as well as from the office.

**At Salem School Monday Night**

On the night of next Monday, the 20th, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. F. D. Owen will address the farmers of the section of the county about Weaverville and Salem school on the subject of hog cholera prevention, and it is hoped that all the farmers of that portion of the county will be present.

Dr. Owen feels that as cholera is known to be in that end of the county, and that it is pretty sure to work its way to this neighborhood, that every one who owns one or more hogs should take an interest and be present.

At the present time, the disease is about five miles away from Salem but when it is considered that cholera is the most easily of all animal diseases to be spread, and that hogs at the present time are worth more than they have been for years past, it is worth the time to come and learn of the methods which the United States Department of Agriculture is endeavoring to put into effect to control, and if possible, to eradicate this disease entirely.

The meeting will be illustrated with stereopticon lantern views, and will show how the disease can be fought, and the swine saved by the means of the anti-hog cholera serum and also the best sanitary steps to pursue if it should appear upon a farm.

**BISHOP TO DEDICATE CHURCH**

Hertford, N. C. Nov. 18.—The pastor of the Hertford Methodist church, Rev. J. M. Orsmond, announced from his pulpit recently that Bishop John C. Kilgo of Charlotte, N. C., the presiding Bishop of the two N. C. Conferences this year will dedicate the White Memorial M. E. church Dec. 2 at eleven o'clock. This new church has been built this year by the pastor and people of Burgess community, five miles from Hertford, and it is well-nigh a model country church of small cost. The people of this prosperous rural section are to be congratulated in their united efforts to erect such a house of worship. They are also to be congratulated in securing Bishop Kilgo to perform the dedicatory service and preach the sermon on that day. All neighboring clergy and laity are invited to be present.

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**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

The members of the First Methodist church Sunday school have been deeply grieved at the untimely death of one of their members, Frank Rauffs. So many of the young people were unable on account of their school duties to attend the funeral service on Friday morning that a simple memorial service will be held in connection with the Sunday school services Sunday morning.

The pastor will occupy the pulpit at eleven o'clock and at 7:30. Both services will be of an evangelistic character, and every one is cordially invited to attend. Special music by the choir.

**CITY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH**

The pastor, Rev. C. B. Calbreth will preach at both the morning and evening services at City Road Methodist church tomorrow. The subject for the morning hour will be "The Growing Christian." The subject for the evening will be "Victory Brought out of seeming defeat." The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. C. R. Pugh is the Superintendent. The Epworth League will meet at 6:30. The midweek prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

**BLACKWELL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. S. N. Hurst of South Mills will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. D. P. Harris of this city will preach at the evening service at 7:30.

Mr. Harris will preach on the subject "Christ Preaching to the Lost Spirits of Prison or Hades." The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend these services.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS**

The Epworth League of City Road church will meet Sunday evening in the annex of the church. Miss Flogh will have charge of the services and an interesting literary program as been arranged.

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Mr. M. Fowler of Hertford was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. D. M. Lucas of Enfield was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. S. M. Daniels of Wanchese is in the city today on business.

Mr. George Wise of Stumpy Point was here today.

Mr. George Tom Wescott, No. 1, Coast Guard Station, Nags Head was in the city Saturday.

Mr. J. T. Daniels of Wanchese was in the city today on business.

Presiding Elder G. T. Adams left Friday for Poplar Branch where he will preach on Sunday.

Mr. E. M. Sawyer of Belcross was here on business Friday.

Misses Isabel L. Hatten and Blanche Lehman of Suffolk who attended the Cotillion here Thursday night and have been guests of Mrs. Louis Selig on West Main street for a few days returned home today.

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