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"Entered as second-class matter October 11, 1916, at the post office at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, under the Act of March 3, 1879."

The Governor of New York declares that nobody is going to starve and heartily advises his people to eat only what they can afford.

Alas! To many of us that would be less than nothing. Indeed the only tragedy that could be worse would be to apply the same principle to wearing clothes.

Two years ago, Greenville County, South Carolina, voted an issue of about \$1,000,000 for building good roads, and that put the people to thinking. Spartanburg County followed with a bond issue for \$1,000,000 and after that there was a general rush of counties for good roads bonds. Ten South Carolina towns have now made arrangements for road bonds, and the aggregate amount represented exceeds \$1,000,000. This represents a third of the counties in the State—and the others are quite sure to follow in due time, or as soon as they can arrange to vote bonds. The indications are that the Palmetto State will shortly make North Carolina look to her laurels as a good roads State.—Chaylotter Observer.

AS SPRING COMES ON

Collier's Weekly urges everybody to "dig up the gold in their back yards," pointing out that at this time of the high cost of living and the uncertainty of the morrow one may solve the problem of the middleman, storage and delivery by growing everything that can be grown in the back yard.

We bought lettuce last Spring, we remember, from a little six year old fellow who had got his seeds from the Agricultural Department at Washington, planted and tended them in his back yard. He hadn't neglected his school or his play very much, we believe, and he certainly succeeded as a gardener.

We haven't any back yard lot of we could get all the dirt in the Advance building, so perhaps we should consider it as a garden.

"THE PICTURE OF HEALTH"

The Editor of the New York Independent writes in a now famous article that tells our people some things which perhaps some do not know, or which North Carolina is doing for health in a more isolated district.

The Moving Picture Health Car travels from county to county, wherever its expense will be met by private individuals, or public funds, and with its striking representations of "Home," "The Man Who Learned," "In his father's Footsteps," and other health and sanitation features stimulates communities to cooperate for disease prevention where literature would not be read and perhaps no other method would meet with such immediate and popular reception.

The article written by S. R. Winters of Durham goes on to say that the movement is but yet in its infancy and that agriculture, domestic science, and other subjects will be added as the work of the Moving Picture Car develops. The car traverses a county or

section giving us many shows as possible during a week, returning for a new program and again returning at the end of two weeks. During this month an intensive campaign is waged for disease prevention, the effects of which are marked and far reaching in their benefit of the communities touched.

PRODUCE FOODSTUFFS

Congressman Small sends through this paper the following advise to the farmers of this section:

"You and those indirectly dependent on you for a livelihood constitute about 80 per cent of the population in the First District, and substantially the same proportion in North Carolina.

"Naturally as a public servant I should be concerned in your welfare, and one thought has recently come into mind which has grown upon me.

"May I express it? Our farmers should plan to produce ample food-stuffs. The first essential is enough for their home and farm and then a surplus for the market.

"The world is short on food. All Europe is at war. Even in peaceful times great nations like England, Germany and France must import part of their food supplies, and this war has curtailed their home production. The quantity produced in the United States in 1916 was less than in 1915. Of corn there was four hundred million bushels less, of wheat four hundred million fewer bushels, and even of Irish potatoes one hundred million bushels less than in 1915. It looks as if the great war will continue at least until the late summer. The world will demand large supplies of grain and meat and other food out of the quantity produced by the United States this crop season. How much will you have to sell at good prices? Let cotton and tobacco be secondary.

"Eastern North Carolina should raise more and better stock. Our equable climate and the adaptability of our soil to grain and forage give us definite advantages in raising cattle and hogs. But we must get rid of the cattle tick and reduce the ravages of hog cholera. Stock are soil builders and money makers. Think on these things.

"With all deference and modesty I submit these suggestions."

W. H. Rawlings of Hertford was in the city Monday.

W. W. Starke of Norfolk was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Donald Williams of Tarboro is visiting her sister, Miss Mattie Banks, on East Burgess street.

Dr. F. P. Gate, of Manteo was in the city Tuesday.

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The Agony Column

FROM DOWN IN SOUTH CAROLINA CAME A PACKAGE PARCEL POST

'T WAS ADDRESSED TO MY FRAU AND IT HAD THE JOYOUS PERFUME LINGERING ABOUT IT OF SCUPPERNONG WINE

THE KIND THEY MAKE IN WHAT MY FRAU CALLS "PARADISE" THOUGH SHE MEANS SOUTH CAROLINA

BUT UNCLE SAM ALIAS THE ELIZABETH CITY POSTOFFICE DID NOT APPROVE OF MY FRAU'S TASTE OR OF THAT OF HER FRIENDS

SO THEY SAID

"THIS IS CONTRARY TO WHAT WE'LL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER"

ALIAS "THE WINE"

AND THE THOUGHT THAT HAUNTS ME NOW ISN'T SO MUCH THE ANGUISH OVER THE PACKAGE'S FAILURE TO REACH MY FRAU BECAUSE I DON'T THINK SHE WAS GOING TO DIVIDE WITH ME ANYWAY

THE REALLY DISTURBING ELEMENT OF MY DREAM IS THIS "I WONDER WHO DID DRINK THAT WINE"

NOW HONESTLY DON'T YOU?

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IN
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Blanche Sweet
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