

### Washington Comment.

Do the people of the United States take pride in a reputation for being sympathetic to lynch law?

The question seems to cry aloud for an indignant negative. Yet the recent publication of statistics of lynchings of the years, sixty-three in number (an increase over the previous year,) has been followed in the press with confident statements from well informed national legislators that the Dyer anti-lynching bill, which would make lynchers offenders against a federal statute, has little chance of coming to a vote.

If the southern Democrats who filibustered against the beginning of a debate in the house on the Dyer bill, prior to the Christmas holidays, do not want to have the country as a whole, and all of Europe, consider that the south wants lynching, they will be well advised to let the country, through their representatives, take a vote not as remotely but as speedily as possible.

Government official who have the good faith of this our country at heart are offering both felicitations and congratulations to Adjutant General Peter C. Harris, custodian of the draft records of the selective service. General Harris was sentenced to ten days in jail for contempt of court by Justice Frederick L. Siddons of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for his flat refusal to divulge certain information in the records which was desired in a divorce suit. General Harris appealed the case, and the appellate court decided that Justice Siddons erred and that General Harris had but done his duty in upholding the draft laws, which hold all information secured in the draft proceedings inviolate.

The service men kept faith with Uncle Sam—it is inspiring to find Uncle Sam, through his servant, General Harris, keeping faith with them.

The day's news contains these headlines: "Science Soon to Predict Earthquakes as It Does Weather; Twins, Joined Like Siamese, Successfully Severed; Foreign Surgeon to Graft Monkey's Eyes in Sightless Man's Head; Research Corporation Hopes for 100 Miles to Gallon of Gasoline; World Circling Air Flight Predicted; 275,000 American Airplane Passengers Carried Safely in 1921; Ford to Make Flivver Bodies Out of Cotton."

A great many years ago a would-be economist protested against the extension of the patent system because fifty thousand patents have been granted, there was "nothing left to invent." Now we have many more than a million patents granted, and the end is not yet. Geology, surgery, oil engineering, automobilism are all in their swaddling clothes. We have but begun to learn, even as we have but begun to educate.

Call at Ramsey Motor Co., for a nice car for transferring service. — McKinley Ramsey, Marshall, N. C. Box 102.

### A Greater Carolina.

The late Governor T. W. Bickett had promised to prepare the first of the series of articles on Know North Carolina, one of which is to appear each week in the newspapers of the state. His sudden and much lamented death has prevented him from giving our people a new message. But we can at least catch the inspiration of his spirit by turning back to the closing words of his inaugural address as Governor of North Carolina, January 11, 1917—just five years ago. Though dead, he yet speaketh to all North Carolinians in these stirring phrases that so finely reveal the spirit of the dead leader.

#### Bickett's Dream.

"Gentleman of the general assembly, ladies and gentlemen: I have endeavored to visualize my dream of a fairer and finer state. I have outlined the means by which I hope to make the dream come true. And the means all reach out to a single end—a larger hope, a wider door for the average man than he has ever known.

"With a six-months school guaranteed to every child; with the forces of diseases routed from their ancient strongholds; with the curse of rum lifted from every home; with our fields tilled by the men who own and therefore love them; with our harvests free from the crop liens, deadly blight; with modern conveniences and wholesome diversions within reach of every country home, our dear old state, released from her bondage to the blood-kin tyrants of Ignorance, Poverty, Disease, and Crime, will begin to realize her finest possibilities in riches and grace; will assume her rightful place in the march of civilization; and from the blue of the mountains to the blue of the sea there will spring up a hardier, holier race, not unlike the giants that walked the earth when the sons of God mated with the daughters of men."

### Orchard Opportunities

Great opportunities in orcharding are being overlooked in Madison County according to W. W. Mogill, State Extension Horticulturist, who spent two days last week assisting County Agent Hoots, in pruning demonstration over the county. Many of the hill slopes which are not yielding enough crops to pay taxes on the land can be converted into apple orchards and yield several hundred dollars per acre. This is not theory but is being done in other counties with no better land or shipping facilities than Madison County. An orchard properly cared for is productive for a generation or more and yields its best crops after the twentieth (20) year. However, it is necessary to do annual pruning and spraying in order to properly develop an orchard to get profitable crops.

In many sections of the mountain outside men have come in with capital and developed profitable orchards, but in this case the native population is not largely benefited like it would be by local men developing the proposition.

With profitable bearing orchards we have a large local income, which mean better churches, better schools and better roads.

### A Helping Hand Bring Peace And Joy

By JESSE DANIEL ROONE

Did you count as loss, the days gone by?  
Then gaze upon the New Year's sky  
With its rainbow promises aglow,  
Which tell us plainly "Now, let's go."  
There's little loss we can't regain;  
We've panaceas for 'most all pain;  
If at your door the wolf should lurk,  
Just scare him off with toil and work.

Make this new year the year of years,  
With more of joys and less of tears;  
With conscience clear, with duties done,  
At setting of each evening sun.  
Resolve each morning when you rise  
To live by rules which rule the wise;  
And that you'll help your fellow man  
The surest ways you know and can.

To make the moments and the days  
Shot through with joys and endless praise  
We must be helpful, strong and kind,  
And have firm, determined mind  
To render service day and night,  
And firmly stand for truth and right;  
For strength's a sorry thing, indeed,  
If one don't use it when there's need.

If you'll but stop and look about,  
You'll find some people "down and out,"  
Who need your friendly smile and hand  
That they may rise and take a stand.  
A helping hand brings peace and joy,  
The kind which has no base alloy;  
It makes the peace a saving wide  
When crossing to the other side.

—Carolina Mountaineer.

### "I Was In Prison, And Ye Came Unto Me."

An aged white prisoner in the South Carolina penitentiary, recently pardoned, protested against his own pardon, after twenty-seven years in prison, saying he would not know what to do in the changed world beyond the encompassing prison walls. He also stoutly affirmed that he was not guilty of the murder for which he has been punished. Courts do convict innocent men and it is a supreme tragedy. We do not speak it often, perhaps because we are confident our legal machinery fails to punish the guilty a hundred times where it punishes the innocent once. Why should not society make up to an innocent prisoner, as best it can, the fearful injustice it has done him, when his innocence is established? It is a distinctly lame and unbecoming gesture—that of turning out a prisoner who did not merit punishment, without a single token that society cares to make up to him for the unspeakable injustice it has done. Barring the wholesome appeals of certain great novelists and the maudlin interest in advertised criminals by sentimental women there seems to be all too little concern for those who suffer behind prison bars the penalties of their transgressions against society. Yet our Lord Jesus has plainly set forth that the spirit which leads us to help and sympathize with those on whom the punishment and ban of society have fallen in the spirit which He will recognize as loyal to Him: "I was in prison, and ye came unto Me."

### Homes of Popular Plants.

The chestnut came from Italy.  
The onion originated in Egypt.  
Tobacco is a native of Virginia.  
The nettle is a native of Europe.  
The citron is a native of Greece.  
Oats originated in North America.  
The poppy originated in the East.  
Rye came originally from Siberia.  
Parsley was first known in Sardinia.  
The pear and apple are from Europe.  
Spinach was first cultivated in Arabia.  
The sunflower was brought from Peru.  
The mulberry originated in Persia.  
The fount is an Eastern plant.  
The walnut and peach came from Persia.  
The horse-chestnut is a native of Thibet.  
The cucumber came from East Indies.  
The quince came from Crete.  
Horse-radish is from Southern Europe.  
The radish is a native of China and Japan.  
Pears are of Egyptian origin.—American Primary Teacher.

See Henderson Bros for all kinds of feed, Cotton Seed Meal, Hay, Bran & Shorts.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Western Recorder.

### The Volstead Law and The Constitution.

Dr. Baker.

Nothing is clearer than the fact that the Volstead Law, designed to carry the Eighteenth Amendment into full effect, must be placed in the hands of its friends if the benefits of prohibition are to be realized.

Candidates for office who have to do with the enforcement of the prohibition laws must be more carefully scrutinized than hitherto. To do this, partisan bias must be eliminated from the ballot box. A man may be a partisan and a good citizen, but he cannot be the best citizen unless he is willing to abandon his partnership for the public good. No man has a right to expect, nor should he receive the suffrage of law-abiding citizens if he is not big enough and patriotic enough to stand for the enforcement of a law, whether he likes it or not. Laws are not enacted to conform the likes and dislikes of some petty magistrate, but for the benefit of the public. The test of that benefit is in the enforcement of the laws. If there is no benefit, it is the business of the public to repeal them, but it is never the duty or the business of the magistrate to abrogate them.

We have a conspicuous example of one high in authority who opposed prohibition; but when prohibition came, was the first amongst the prominent characters in the republic, to sound the call to his countrymen, for the strict enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment. I refer to the present Chief Justice of the United States. It is the case of a man big enough and patriotic enough to rise above his personal wishes and opinions, and call for the enforcement of a law, the enactment of which he opposed. That is American, and the public officials who cannot or will not do likewise is both un-American and unpatriotic.

Another situation is developing in some quarters. The former compounders of intoxicating liquors are becoming entirely too friendly to prohibition and prohibitionists. They are not themselves as yet climbing up into the driver's seat, but they are sending their professedly prohibition attorneys with instructions to do so, and in some cases they are reaching for the lines, and with honeyed words and effeminate taps on the back are begging for the privilege of being of assistance in writing the laws governing the beverage traffic of the future; and some of our good friends are inclined to fall for the proffered help. It should be declined with thanks.

True, they have so long written the laws for legislative bodies that it has become a fixed habit, and habits once formed are difficult to discard even under the stress of enforced virtue.

When the Pharisees and Sadducees came to the Master seeking baptism he said, "Ye offspring of vipers who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth, therefore fruit worthy of repentance." We can afford to be as harsh as the Master.

The future laws in state legis-

### The Camp Bragg Stock Farm

The Stock Farm at Camp Bragg is rapidly assuming a position of great importance in the world of animal husbandry. The raising of cattle, hogs, and poultry is carried on by the most up-to-date methods. Eventually only pedigreed stock is to be used, although at present a few grade cows are maintained for milk purposes. The care exercised in maintaining and producing only thoroughbred stock is expected to be productive of great results.

First of all, it is the aim of the Stock Farm to have the best dairy herd in North Carolina. Consequently, the magnificent King Kalmuck Colantha, No. 309837, was selected as the head of this herd. It is not possible to build up a more desirable pedigree than is possessed by this young Holstein Bull. He has blood lines that cannot fail to produce cows rich in butter fat. His wonderful breeding is apparent at a glance. His offspring convince the most skeptical of his marvelous productive power.

The young stock consists of a number of calves from these cows, and were sired by various well known bulls, among them King Segis Champion Model. Altogether these animals form the nucleus of what is hoped to be the greatest milk producing herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle in North Carolina.

In addition to the principal herd there are several highly bred, registered dairy cows, produced along their own blood lines. The Ayreshire is represented by Ching's Mabel Leister, No. 4547, a beautiful type of heavy milker, rich in butter fat, and showing all the fine points of her breed. Her pedigree shows that she carries the blood of many champions. Guernseys and Devons are represented by worthy produce of blooded lines.

### Elkins---Kent

Mr. Hubert E. Elkins of Asheville, and Miss Florence Kent, who lives on Little Pine Creek were married in Marshall last Friday. Rev. Amos Clary officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins will live in Asheville.

### Notice.

January 11th, 1922.

I have this day sold out my entire interest in the Merchant Supply Co., to W. B. Ramsey and Geo. L. McKinney. They will pay all debts we owe, and everybody that owe us please pay to them. I thank our customers while I was connected with them for their patronage.

Yours respectfully,

J. J. REDMON.

latures and in the United States Congress, governing the drink traffic, must be written, passed and administered by the friends of prohibition. This is a prohibition country. No man or woman who is not one hundred per cent American is fit to write or administer law in this republic, and no man who makes, sells or drinks intoxicating liquors one hundred per cent American. A man who will drink liquor now is morally as culpable as the bootlegger or moonshiner.