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REDUCE COUNTY EXPENSES
 Progressive Farmer.

We ought to reduce county expenses in most of our counties, but it ought to be done by better business management and not by doing away with constructive agencies such as the county demonstration agent, home demonstration agent and public welfare officer, or by decreasing the efficiency of the county superintendent of schools. Better business methods in the various county offices would often greatly reduce expenses. There is almost no excuse for paying a man a good salary as county treasurer when a bank can be bonded and handle the funds without expense to the county. Again, it is a waste of money to put up expensive buildings and hire a management for a poorhouse with only 15 or 20 inmates. Several counties should unite and have one poorhouse and one management for the whole group of counties, thereby saving much money.

THRILL OF FIRST MOVIE LURES OLD MEN FROM HOME

(New York World.)

The only way to deprive the inevitable of its unexpectedness is to stop confusing the improbable with the obvious.

Take the story that broke yesterday out in the Old Men's Home in Fannie, N. J.

Thursday night they gave the old boys a treat. They tacked a sheet up on the wall at the far end of the dining room, turned off the lights and put on a five-reel thriller, entitled, "I Am The Law," dealing with exploits of the Sheriff of the Royal Northwest.

What happened?

Nothing much happened except the inevitable. Yesterday morning when the officials called the roll for prunes and oatmeal four of the old men were missing. They had grabbed an old, rusty rifle and slipped away in the night, headed in the general direction of the Arctic Circle, to track law-breakers through the frozen north.

It must be remembered in this connection that the four old men had never before seen a moving picture. It doesn't do to say they were thrilled. It was more than a thrill. They were electrified! They got a brain-storm.

During the parts of the picture where the hero grabbed the flaxen-haired Anna Held to his scokin' breast and told her it was "She and she only, and that in this world of women, beautiful and good, she was the queen of 'em all—the Lady Paramount," the old men fell off their seats.

After it was all over the excitement in the dining room was intense. Several of the old chaps hobbled over to the tablecloth on the wall, peered behind it, tapped the wall and tattered away shaking their heads dubiously.

Darned if it wasn't uncanny, But the four runaways didn't worry about the mechanism of the thing. Mechanism wasn't what was exciting in their brains. It was the call of the wild—the voice of the mountains and the open spaces—the eternal hills and the hush of the—you know, all that stuff.

What's the difference between eight, and eighty? Nothing. Put a zero after eight and you have eighty. And, whether you look out on life at eight from the polished panes of a shavery or at eighty from the misty windows of an almshouse—it's only life that you're looking at, after all.

Men are only old when they work at things that children play at. And after they've worked at them for a long time they see how foolish they are and they go back and play.

It seems to be God's way of quieting them before he gets them to sleep.

KNOW NORTH CAROLINA, A VIRGINIA VERDICT

It makes a true Virginian bold, he declares to witness the wonderful progress being made in North Carolina, in good roads and numerous other respects, and then to visit his own home state and view the resigned spirit of self-satisfaction. Think what these Tarbacks would do with such a support as Norfolk, or with other unexcelled Virginia natural resources.

count of the widespread awakening in North Carolina has been confirmed by too many observers to be viewed with the least skepticism. North Carolina beyond all question is setting a pace that is causing the state to be singled out for comment in every part of the Union. North Carolina newspapers are this week giving columns of space to the reproduction of James Arthur Seavey's article in the New York Times of October 22, discussing at great length the phoenix-like upspringing of a new era down home.

Says Mr. Seavey: If ever a commonwealth went in, head over heels, wholesale and retail, latitudinally and longitudinally, to boom and develop itself, that commonwealth is the Old North State. That which has hit North Carolina is not even a forty-seventh cousin of the old western boom. It is possible that the native capitalists of industry would object to its being called a boom at all. It is rather, a financial, industrial, and commercial regeneration—the phoenix of the new South risen from the ashes of the old.

And the Time's writer does not reach the halfway line of his article before he gives away the whole secret: The whole commonwealth has come to realize that parts cannot be greater than the whole; that in the long run, what is good for Raleigh is good for Asheville, and that what works to the disadvantage of Charlotte hodes no good for Salisbury. Teamwork is performing the miracle—teamwork and universal appreciation of the fact that nature has endowed the state with the makings.

This is the combination our correspondent would like to see applied in his native state. He knows it will work; it is working all about him in North Carolina.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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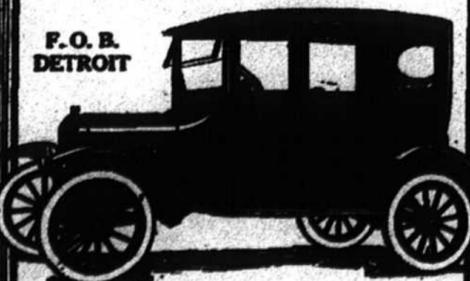
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