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POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ON TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Under this head will be printed from time to time noteworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, books, magazines, newspapers, in fact wherever we may find them.

The Saloon in North Carolina is Doomed.

Greenville Reflector. That the temperance sentiment is rapidly gaining ground in North Carolina is evidenced by the fact that since the legislature adjourned ten towns in the state have voted out saloons, while only four other towns in which elections were held voted in favor of saloons and these by very small majorities.

The Educational Campaign in the State not Overdone.

Progressive Farmer. The only men we know who claim that the educational campaign is being overdone are city men whose children have long had the benefits of good schools, and who do not know—as the writer knows both by observation and experience—the pitiful inefficiency of the schools in our rural districts.

The Glory of Work.

Progressive Farmer. Even our schools bear witness to the new spirit. Education fifty years ago was supposed to teach men how not to work; now it teaches them how to work. And with Mr. Gilder we know that labor is not a curse, but a positive good, a means of grace.

The Justice of Nature's Law.

Indianapolis Sentinel. There is in nature an inexorable law which has gone by many names. It is sometimes called "cause and effect," sometimes "action and reaction;" the ancient Greek called it "Nemesis" and the ancient Hindu called it "Karma."

Good Roads and the Farmer.

Hon. W. J. Byran. The improvement of the country roads can be justified also on the ground that the farmer, the first and most important producer of wealth, ought to be in position to hold his crop and market it at the most favorable opportunity, whereas at present he is virtually under compulsion to sell it as soon as it is matured, because the roads may become impassable at any time during the fall, winter, or spring.

The North Carolinian's Duty to His State.

Biblical Recorder. In this day of material progress, then, let us see to it that the hearts of our people are set on nobler achievements. We have progress to make not only in agriculture and manufactures and population; we should crave to bring forth a race of men worthy of the blood of our fathers.

BRER LINNEY GIVES A FEAST.

He Takes the Multitude on Top of the Mountain, Has Worship, Delivers an Address, Has a Poem Read and Then Dispenses Mutton, Bread and Cider.

Boone Correspondent Raleigh Post, Sept. 20. Hon. R. Z. Linney invited his numerous friends to his mountain home, "Tater" Hill, on Saturday, to hear an address of welcome from the proprietor, a poem read by the mountain poet, A. M. Dougherty, and to enjoy an old time barbecue.

At noon Saturday the rock on the "Tater" Hill was literally covered by a mass of people gathered from Watauga and the adjacent counties. Religious exercises were conducted, songs sung, and the listening throng heard a beautiful address of welcome from Mr. Linney, in which he extolled the great blessings derived from a close touch to nature's heart and especially the intellectual elevation gained from a home among God's grandest works, the great, beautiful mountains.

Adam Most Dougherty has a something more than a local reputation as a poet. He, too, delights to speak in rhyme of the grandeur of his native mountains. He willingly responded to the invitation of Mr. Linney to prepare a poem for this occasion. With only a few weeks for preparation, and the greater part of his time devoted to business cares, Mr. Dougherty produced a long descriptive poem, dealing with the scenery from the "Tater" Hill and dedicated to Mr. Linney.

The people were then feasted by the proprietor on mutton, bread, cider and the purest sweetest drink on earth—mountain water.

Teach Children to be Ashamed of Idleness.

The Century. That there is much discontent with work among the so-called middle classes in America is due in large part to the pampering of children, to the supplying of their natural and artificial wants, and to the sentimental idea that "the day of toll will come soon enough." In general, work is not a curse, but a blessing—a positive means of grace.

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WAGONS.

We have just received a car-load of Old Hickory Wagons. They are too well known to need describing. We can give you any size you need.

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YOUR TAXES!

I will meet you at the following places for the purpose of collecting your taxes for 1903:

Table with columns for location, day, and time. Locations include Gastonia, Lowell, McAdenville, Belmont, Stanley Creek, Cherryville, Gastonia, Dallas, Mt. Holly, Nimsville, Mtn. Island, Lucia, Alexia, Crowder's Creek, Pleasant Ridge, Bessemer City, Union, S. Point Ford's store, Hardin Mills, High Shoals, Patterson's school house, Baker's Mill, Dilling's Mill, Fuller's Store, Landers' Chapel, Carpenter's Store.

Remember the date. Don't fail to meet me there. C. B. ARMSTRONG, Sheriff.