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FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1910.

The Durham man who collected money to buy a cork leg for an unfortunate townsman of his and then embezzled the fund, presumably spending the major portion of it at the "near-beer" saloons, certainly has a good claim to the title of the "meanest" man yet discovered.

Not the least of the fruits of the recent parliamentary victory of the insurgent forces in Congress over the Speaker will be the possibility of enacting legislation providing for forest preservation, to which movement the Speaker has been considered an arch-enemy. There is good prospect that the Weeks bill, carrying an appropriation of \$11,000,000 for the purchase of lands about the headwaters of navigable streams, will become a law.

The board of aldermen of the town of Lexington has made a good move in passing an ordinance which is to go into effect April first forbidding the railroads from running trains through the corporate limits of the town at any rate faster than six miles an hour. Where there are double tracks, as there are at Lexington, the running of trains, frequently passing in both directions, at a high rate of speed over grade crossings is extremely dangerous, and should be prohibited.

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THE FARMERS' UNION.

Exerting Itself in Behalf of Legislation—Maintains a Bureau in Washington and This Bureau is Reminding Congressmen of Legislation That the Farmers Want—Some of the Things They Ask for.

(By John Temple Graves.)
Washington, March 19.—I have had occasion in another letter to describe the enormous increase of power accruing to the American farmer through the organization of the Farmers Union, with its 3,000,000 members.

This compact, harmonious, secret organization, now four years old, wisely and unselfishly led by President Charles Barrett, seeking legislation and not offices, has maintained an active and vigilant bureau in Washington during the session of congress, with President Barrett himself or some one of the national officers always in attendance.

It will be remembered that this bureau sent out some two weeks ago a circular letter addressed individually to congressmen, asking their support for six measures now under discussion and vitally near to the interests of the American farmer. The measures supported by the farmers were:

1. Abolishing gambling in farm products.
2. Securing, without delay, a parcels post.
3. Securing, without delay, postal savings banks.
4. Securing, without delay, more stringent legislation along the line of restricting foreign immigration.
5. Securing the defeat of the proposed central bank.
6. More liberality in national appropriations toward agricultural projects.

It is not more interesting than significant to record the prompt and favorable answer of the "people's representatives" to this letter.

Within three days from its mailing there were a hundred replies from congressmen from middle western and Southern States, "agreeing" in whole or in part with the farmers demands. Since that time the great majority of the sixty-first congress have sent respectful and encouraging answers to the circular letter.

Manifestly it is impossible to quote these letters going out today to the farmers unions papers. The bureau, however, estimates that 90 per cent favor abolishing gambling in farm products; that 95 per cent favor a parcels post, the preference being that such a system should be first confined to rural free delivery roads; that an overwhelming majority favor postal savings banks in some form, provided provision is made to keep the deposits in the home localities; that practically all congressmen heard from favor rigid restriction of foreign immigration; that 85 per cent are opposed to a central bank; that virtually all favor great liberality in congressional appropriations towards the farmer.

In the statement preceding the copies of the congressional letters, President Barrett, while encouraged by the splendid showing made thus far, "refrains from celebrating" the passage of these measures, because of the possibility that all of these promising congressmen are not in earnest and because of the ability of a "few powerful men controlling the house and senate," to "emasculate" or "entirely annihilate" legislation at will.

Never in our history has the American congressman, collectively and individually, been so watched and criticized as by the real representative of the American farmer.

The statesmen of the sixty-first congress will be compelled to toe the mark and face the issue and deal squarely with his constituents.

If the farmer keeps up his present policy, as expressed by the Farmers Union, for two years, he will get what he wants and have the politics of the country in a swing.

viding for 330 children and, since it was established in 1872, by the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, more than 2,500 girls and boys have come directly under its blessed ministry. Never have the benefits of this noble institution been restricted to the children of Masons. The primary conditions of admission have always been the destitution, the need of the children.

While the management of the Oxford Orphanage strive to exercise the strictest economy consistent with effectiveness in the work, we have information that an increase of its annual income is now essential for its maintenance even up to its present standard of efficiency. Surely our whole people will see to it that this work is not restricted because of lack of financial support.

Our people will delight to patronize the concerts soon to be given. It is our privilege to continue to assist in this and in any other way a cause so worthy.

PROSPECTS OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION.

A Bill to Regulate the Inter-State Commerce Shipment of Intoxicating Liquors.

(By R. L. Davis, Supt. N. C. Anti-Saloon League.)

While there is a universal cry going on, not only in our State, but in all other dry territory of the nation, against the protection that the Inter-state Commerce Laws give the liquor traffic, the National Anti-Saloon League and other temperance organizations are hard at work to secure relief. There has already been introduced at the present Congress, the "Langley-Curtis-Anti-Saloon League Inter-State Liquor Shipment Bill," Senate Bill No. 2486 and House Bill No. 5169.

The bill reads as follows:
"To regulate the Interstate Commerce Shipment of Intoxicating Liquors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That any person, firm, corporation, common carrier, or any agency of interstate commerce who shall ship, express, or otherwise transport any distilled, malt, vinous or intoxicating liquor from any State, foreign country, territory or district of the United States to any other State, territory or district of the United States where such shipments or transportation of such liquor cannot legally be made from one point to another within such State, territory or district of the United States to which such liquor is consigned, or to any place in such State, territory or district of the United States to which such shipment or transportation of such liquor cannot legally be made from another point within the same State, territory or district of the United States, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for the first offense, and for the second offense not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned for a term of not less than six months nor more than two years."

This bill provides for the direct exercise of congressional power by prohibiting transportation of liquor from outside a State to points to which liquor cannot be legally transported from another point within the same State. It is calculated to apply both to prohibition States and prohibition territory in local option States. Its structure, it is believed, not only obviates the constitutional objection, but is manifestly in accord with a sound public policy. This bill was introduced in the House by Hon. John W. Langley, of Kentucky, who in faithful, sincere and zealous advocacy of temperance measures is second to no man in Congress, and in the Senate by Hon. Charles Curtis, of Kansas, a tried and tested friend of every reasonable temperance movement.

I believe that this bill is the thing for North Carolina and therefore, we desire to give all of our influence to aid its passage. We would advise those, who favor such measure, to send personal letters to their congressmen and senators and ask them to use their influence to aid this legislation, giving them the name and number of the bill. We also advise our conferences, conventions, synods and other church gatherings to pass resolutions and reports asking for the passage of this bill. I believe if the forces of righteousness will put forth strenuous efforts for the passage of this bill, that it can be secured through the present congress, and if not, in the very near future.

HIGH SHOALS NEWS.

Lincoln County News, 22nd.
High Shoals, March 21.—Friday night March 18th was the time set for the public debate between Alexis and the High Shoals Literary Society. We made very elaborate preparation to entertain the boys, but we were greatly disappointed just at the last moment to hear that they had backed down. We do not know why, but maybe they were a little nervous and afraid to meet us. We consider it a complete victory nevertheless.

Since everybody was expecting a good time we met some of our home boys and had a lively debate: Query—"Resolved that women should have the right of suffrage in the United States."

The affirmative won the question. Now, we hope the Alexis boys will pick up enough courage to meet us at some other time.

Prof. Tom Jones, of Catawba county, is teaching a singing school at the Methodist church. He has a large class and all are making good progress. We will have good singing at the different churches in the future.

The Methodist Sunday school will give an Easter entertainment Sun-

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day at the Methodist church.

The Baptist Sunday school will have a missionary and Sunday school rally Easter Sunday. Attorney David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, will be the speaker on this occasion. Everybody is invited to be present at either or both of these entertainments.

Little Fred Duncan, son of F. R. Duncan, who has been so very bad sick for the last few weeks is improving now, and will soon be out again.

—Mr. J. T. Spencer, the veteran house-mover, this week moved a barn for Mr. F. D. Barkley.

NOTICE.

Members of the Gaston County Democratic Executive Committee are hereby notified that a meeting of the committee will be held at the court house in Dallas at 11 a. m. on Saturday, April 9th, to transact important business. All members are urgently requested to be present.

C. B. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

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Gastonia Cotton.

These figures represent the prices paid to wagons, March 25th:
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Strict middling 14 1-2
Middling 14 3-8
Cotton seed 22 3-4