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## CURBING THE GRAFTERS

President Hoover has signed the bill which provides for a Federal system of licensing dealers in perishable products. The effect of this law will be to give the Government the power to regulate the business practices of commission houses and others doing an interstate business.

This may prove to be of as great benefit to the farmers of the United States as any other measure intended for farm relief. Every grower of commodities shipped to distant markets has had, at one time or another, experience with dishonest commission houses, at the terminal markets. Practices which are notoriously corrupt have been common. The individual shipper is at a great disadvantage when, instead of getting a check for his produce he gets a bill for freight and expenses with the calm explanation that the produce has been spoiled in transit, or sold on a glutted market, or that some other cause had prevented its sale at a price sufficient to cover the costs.

There are honest commission houses, of course. Probably the great majority of dealers in produce, live-stock, poultry and dairy products do business as honorably as business is done anywhere. Their risks are large, and they are entitled to profits proportioned to the risk. But there have been enough instances uncovered of deception and fraud on the part of commission houses to make such legislation as this necessary for the protection not only of shippers but of the honest men in the production business.

The Federal Government seems to be the only authority which has a chance of cleaning up this situation. State and local authorities are not inclined to press the claims of farmers and shippers who pay taxes several hundred or thousand miles away, against their own citizens and taxpayers. The Federal Government alone can exercise authority over interstate commerce.

It is to be hoped that the machinery for the enforcement of this new law will be set up speedily and that it will operate efficiently enough to give the grower and shipper the assurance that, whatever other causes may operate to keep him from getting the best price for his products, he will at least not be cheated by the agent to whom he has consigned them.

## WHO ARE THE "RUBES"

It is about time the city people and the city newspapers quit referring to the American farmer as a "Rube" and caricaturing him as a low-brow European peasant, only slightly Americanized by a set of chin-whiskers a la Uncle Sam.

The trouble with city folk, especially in New York and elsewhere in the East, is that they get their impressions of the farmer, as of everything else, from European sources. Because the mass of people tilling the soil in Europe are uneducated, unintelligent peasants, tenants for the most part and tied to the soil as no American has ever been tied, the city-bred, Europe-conscious people who have never penetrated any farther into America than the shores of the Atlantic Ocean think American farmers must be the same type.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. No individual or class of our people has been more prompt to apply new methods of science, new inventions, new ways of doing old things, than the American farmer. The implication when he is referred to as a "Rube" is that he is a stupid, unprogressive person, content to do everything as his father and grandfather did it before him. As a matter of fact, practically nothing is done on American farms today the way it was done a generation ago.

One of the things that has brought about the change has been the development of the numerous Colleges of Agriculture. Nothing like them is known in any part of the world. Old-time farmers used to neer at the idea that college could do a farmer any good; but the progressive farmers of today are practically all college graduates, and the leadership in every movement for the betterment of farm conditions comes from these schools.

Our national and State departments of Agriculture have enlisted in their service—the service of the American farmer—more men of high scientific attainment, engaged in vital research into the manifold problems which the farmer must solve if he is to succeed, than are engaged in any other field of scientific inquiry. Our agricultural experiment stations have taught the "man with the hoe" not only new and better ways of doing things but the reason why they are better ways.

Instead of the inefficient dull peasant, the type which stands for "farmer" in the city folk's minds, the American farmer has been too progressive, too efficient, if such a thing were possible. By improved and scientific methods he has increased production more rapidly than the demand has grown for his products.

## Senate Votes To Boost Veteran's Pay

Washington, July 1.—The new World War veterans relief measure was passed today by the Senate after the Democrats had succeeded in raising the disability pension rates above the level provided by the House bill bearing the administration's approval. This change in the House measure, which was voted 37 to 26, forces the bill into conference for adjustment of differences. There were hints of another Presidential veto if the increased rates were allowed and administration supporters were seeking a way tonight to reach a compromise. Over-riding the Hoover forces on the increase, the Senate showed its

irritable mood in the closing hours of debate. It refused to enter an agreement to vote tomorrow on the bill and then proceeded to vote tonight. Vice-President Curtis was taken to task for ordering the bill passed after a shout of ayes and the Senate then proceeded to have a record vote. It was a day of sharp words. The record vote on passage of the legislation was 56 to 11.

## German Housewives Aid In 'Eat More Rye' Campaign

Frankfort—A publicity campaign to encourage a greater domestic use of rye bread in Germany was recently opened in Frankfort at a public meeting organized by the German Housewives Association, according to a report from Consul Edward A. Dow at Frankfort, made public by the Department of Commerce.

## The Escape of the Good Old Stage

By Albert T. Reid



## Away of Life by BRUCE BARTON

There was one year in my life when it seemed as if everything went exactly wrong.

The resulting accumulation of worries and problems loomed up like a range of mountains. It hardly seemed worth while to try to get on top of one of them because there were so many others beyond.

Wise old Talleyrand, when he could not see his way clearly through a difficult situation, used to take to his bed and give out word that he was ill. It was his experience that many difficulties solved themselves if one only let them alone for awhile.

Adopting his example, I went away for a couple of weeks and played golf. When I got back the troubles and problems had not disappeared, but I was a different man.

I went down to the office, made a list of all of them, and decided to tackle the toughest one first, I cleaned it up in one day and started after the others.

An amazing thing developed. Some of the worst situations proved to be the easiest, and not one of the whole lot turned out to be worth half the worry I had given it.

The lesson was valuable. I ought to have learned it much earlier in life, for I had been given plenty of opportunity to observe the ways of successful men in such matters.

One of my first bosses made it a rule every morning to ask for the bad news first. He said: "I want to get the tough things off the calendar while I am fresh. I never deal with the same thing twice. When I pick up a paper from my desk I don't lay it down until it's settled. Procrastination is poison."

An acquaintance of mine is a prominent operator in Wall Street. I asked once if it were true that at different times he has taken tremendous losses.

"Losses," he exclaimed, "I've taken millions in losses. Any man who tries to get through life without taking losses will never make any money. The trick is to take 'em quick and forget 'em. Amateurs worry about them in advance and brood about them afterward. The worry and the brooding break their nerve."

The Book of Proverbs, which said pretty nearly everything that can be said—and much better—has this verse:

"The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets."

Worrying about the lion, the slothful man is eaten by fear, which is a more terrible death.

The wise man steps out boldly. And more often than not the lion proves to be just a motion picture lion, with his claws cut short and his poor old teth all gone.

## Fairmont Chief Checks Short In Tax Accounts

Fairmont, June 30.—Charged with being short \$1,731 in his accounts as tax collector for the town of Fairmont, Chief of Police Sandy Taylor has been discharged by the town board while auditors are checking his records. Discrepancies, it is alleged, occur in his collection of 1923 taxes. The officer was bonded in the sum of \$2,000, and his bonding company has indicated it will make the shortage good. Effort is being made by friends of Taylor to reimburse the bonding company.

North Carolina Tuesday began a new fiscal year, intent upon keeping its expenditures within the limits of its "hard times" income. State departments, institutions and

agencies began to operate on just 80 per cent of the amount the General Assembly appropriated for their use. Governor Gardner having taken advantage of his powers of a horizontal cut. Last year the Governor did not cut appropriations but urged the department and institution heads to the strictest economy. This move saved around \$1,000,000.

Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell has not announced the total general fund collections for the fiscal year which ended Monday but it is certain that they will fall short, probably by more than a half million dollars, of the \$15,339,000 which the Legislature estimated would be derived from the present tax schedules. General fund collections for the first 11 months of the year were \$14,605,659.

Federal Collections Up. While the expected shortage in State revenue has been the major problem facing the Governor and the

State's fiscal authorities for the past year, Gilliam Grissom, United States Collector of Internal Revenue, continues to collect increasing amounts from North Carolina. During the fiscal year which just closed he took in \$274,267,097.5, leaving only New York, of all the 48 states, ahead of North Carolina in the matter of federal revenue. The year's collection was \$19,768,409.51 ahead of the previous record collection of 1929. The \$29,442,721.88 which Mr. Grissom collected last month was the largest amount ever taken in during a single month in the history of the State.

## Worried Over Prospects

As the financial depression of the past year will hit the State harder in the fiscal year just beginning than in that just past, the fiscal authorities are worried more by the prospects for the immediate future than the past, on its face, might seem to justify. During the present biennial Governor Gardner hopes to run the State on \$3,000,000 less than the Legislature intended and he hopes no further curtailment will be necessary.

Governor Gardner, Commissioner Maxwell, Henry Burke, assistant director of the budget, Dr. Fred Morrison, secretary of the State Tax Commission, and others were in conference yesterday and the Governor and Mr. Maxwell again last night discussing fiscal affairs, especially taxation.

"We must live within our income," is the Governor's repeated message to those who work under him.

Though a 10 per cent penalty will be added to all "Schedule B" license taxes received or mailed to the Revenue Department after Tuesday only around 40,000 had paid these taxes up to Monday night. The total number of business and professional licenses issued last year was in excess of 85,000.

The 10 per cent penalty for July becomes 20 per cent in August, 30 per cent in September and so on until the penalty next June will be 100 per cent.

## SHANNON NEWS

Shannon, July 2.—Mrs. H. C. Culbreth, Messrs. John Walters and Herbert Walters were called to the bedside of their mother, Mrs. J. F. Walters, Thursday in Florence, S. C. Mrs. C. Leonhard and son, Robert, of Rahway, N. J., Mrs. A. S. Wylie, Leonhard and Leila Morgan of New York City, spent Thursday in the home of Mr. B. B. Currie.

Miss Juanita Gasque of Marion, S. C., is staying a few days at Mrs. D. S. Klapp's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Currie of Great Falls, S. C., and Miss Kate Currie of Charlotte returned home Sunday after spending a while with their parents.

Misses Flady Belle Deaton, Wanda Shook, and Ruth Shook, and Mr. Rowell Shook were among those who attended the B. Y. P. U. convention in Parkton.

Mr. Carl Walters, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Walters and children of Asheville, Miss Mae Walters, Mrs. R. L. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Garren of Florence, S. C., and Mr. B. P. Walters of Charleston, S. C., returned home Sunday after attending the funeral of their mother, Mrs. J. F. Walters.

Messrs. B. B. Currie and A. B. Currie spent Thursday in Laurel Hill with Mrs. Rose Currie, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gasque and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Chavis spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. D. S. Klapp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. MacLaren and children, Dorothy, Peggy, Isabel, James and Donald, and Miss Sarah Lena Chavis spent Sunday at White Lake.

Mr. T. Currie and children spent a while here Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Lena Chavis and two daughters, Agnes and Elon and Miss Leslie MacLaren spent Sunday morning in Tolarville. Miss Juanita Gasque returned with them.

Miss Frances Walters of Buie is staying a few days with her cousin, Miss Margaret Smith.

## From England to Capetown, South Africa, in Ten Days

Johannesburg—Cutting down the previously estimated time by three whole days a trip from England to Capetown, South Africa, was recently made in ten days by the air service operating between these points, according to a report received in the Department of Commerce from Assistant Trade Commissioner Du Wayne G. Clark at Johannesburg. About 100 hours of the trip were actual flying time, the remainder being made by other means.

## FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

This is to announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Register of Deeds for Hoke County, subject to the action of the second primary to be held on July 5th, 1930.

W. W. ROBERTS.

## FOR COTTON WEIGHER

This is to announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Cotton Weigher for Hoke County, subject to the action of the second primary to be held July 5th, 1930. I appreciate the support given me in the first primary and will greatly appreciate your support in the second.

E. L. PEELE.

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This is to announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the position of Cotton Weigher for Hoke County, subject to the action of the voters as expressed in the second primary to be held on July 5th, 1930.

Martin McKeithan.

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D. K. Blue.

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