

**Peary Losing Favor.**

Charlotte Chronicle.  
Commander Peary has undoubtedly lost in public estimation by his vicious attacks on Explorer Cook. As developments unfold themselves, this loss becomes the more serious. The Washington Herald voices popular opinion when it says that "there was glory enough to go around. The country hailed Peary as it hailed Cook—perhaps with greater warmth. But his precipitate denunciation of Cook, his eager haste to appropriate all the glory, and his obvious lack of that quality of self control of which heroes are made, pained the waiting public and has diverted attention from the achievement itself to the bitter rivalry for personal renown which it involves." Now comes the apparently well authenticated story of the arbitrary confiscation of Dr. Cooke's "cache" by order of Peary, and no doubt other matters to the discredit of Roosevelt's commander are to come to light. It is a very great pity that Peary has placed himself in the attitude of the dog in the manger. Meantime there is all admiration for the manner in which Dr. Cook has carried himself, so far in the controversy.

**Quick Work.**

Greensboro Daily News.  
Manager Horry, of the postal, yesterday showed the Daily News reporter a particularly fast piece of work. It was that of a telegram filed at the local office at 10:14 a. m. for transmission to San Francisco. It took exactly twenty nine minutes from the time the telegram was filed to get it in the hands of the Californian. When one considers the distance, and the immense crush of other telegrams for and to all parts of the world constantly being handled by the company, it is indeed a remarkable piece of quickness of communication, and one that will be hard to beat. Mr. Horry says that the instance noted is merely one of many he has handled, and added: "With our direct means of communication to all parts of the world I do not consider it so very remarkable after all."

**Must Not Mix Work and Politics.**

Exchange.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—By direction of President Taft and Secretary Nangel, Director of the Census Durand has withheld from delivery all census supervisors' commissions and has sent them letters asking if they have severed all political affiliation they may have had, and requesting proof of this before the commissions are delivered. With the letter is enclosed a copy of the President's order to the effect that the supervisors must totally separate work from politics.

Messrs. Hugh and Donald MacRae, of Wilmington, have made the State very much their debtor by presenting Grandfather Mountain as a gift. This great peak, towering out boldly from and above its surroundings, affords one of the finest views anywhere. The Yonahlossee turnpike, built by the Messrs MacRae, runs along the mountainside, and other circumstances conspire to render Grandfather comparatively accessible.

**Go With A Rush.**

The demand for that wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney cure, Dr. King's New Life Pills—is astounding say they never saw the like. Its because they never fail to cure Sour Stomach, Constipation, Indigestion, Biliousness, Jaundice, Sick Headache, Chills and Malaria. Only 25c J. E. Sherrill.

**Wilson's Low Tax Rate.**

Wilson Times.  
Wilson enjoys probably the lowest tax rate in the State for a city of its size, and certainly the lowest in the State where the large amount of public improvements are considered. Wilson has paved streets and sidewalks and owns her waterworks, electric lights and sewerage, and yet our rates are only \$1 on the \$100 valuation for all purposes. We have before us the rate of another city the size of Wilson in eastern North Carolina and find their rate \$1.27, which includes the rate for interest on bonds and for school purposes. The Wilson rate is \$1, divided as follows: 75 cents for general expense and 25 cent. for school. The low rate is not only due to the conservative and able management of our municipal affairs, but also to the fact that we own our public utilities.

(We are pleased to learn their is one town in the state, that is not striggling under a load of debt caused by misspent money. We recall noting the fact, published at the time the work was done, that Wilson paid only a fraction over 90 cents per square yard for concrete sidewalks, while others towns paid for the same kind of work \$1.40 to \$1.50 per square yard.)

It would be money well spent, for any town trying to make improvements of the kind mentioned above, to send a committee to Wilson, to learn how these good people have been so successful. Proper foresight and attention we judge is the secret.)

**Cone and Harriman.**

Charlotte Chronicle.  
The funeral of the late E. H. Harriman was in many respects similar to that of the late Moses H. Cone. Harriman was buried on a hillside of his mountain estate overlooking his magnificent home. Cone rests on a lofty spot on Flat Top overlooking the fine mansion he built and the great estate which he brought up to the finest art in landscape in the South, through the lavish use of money. At Mr. Harriman's funeral those most conspicuously in attendance were the men in his employ and his mountain neighbors. At Mr. Cone's funeral mountaineers from twelve and fifteen miles gathered to pay their respect to the dead. There were wagon loads of cut flowers from the hothouses of Greensboro, Charlotte, Baltimore and other places, but the simple flowers brought by the men, women and children of the mountains, carried more fragrance—these flowers that cost nothing more than the labor of love in gathering them—than did the flowers that cost hundreds of dollars. The devotion of Harriman's neighbors was expressed in the same beautiful way as the devotion of Cone's neighbors, and most eloquently attested the place that these two men held in the hearts of the people who knew them best.

Mrs. M. J. Sherrill, of Cornelius, tells the News that about two and a half years ago she lost a gold ring and a day or two later her cow died from injuries received in a fight with another cow. Time passed and nothing was left of the dead cow but the bones. Then a passerby saw something shiny on the dead cow's tooth, and there the gold ring was found. It was lost in the feed and wedged on the cow's tooth before she met her death.—Cornelius News.

**The American Hired Man.**

Washington Post.  
William Allen White has returned from Europe to Emporia, Kans. and says that his greatest joy is to get back to a land where the workman looks him squarely in the eye as an equal. Mr. White did not find it so in Europe. Wherever he went he found the workmen with their caps constantly in their hands in humility whenever they encountered the man or manikin disporting a white shirt front. In this Mr. White has put his finger on one of the points of great divergence between the countries of Europe and America. Incidentally he has pointed out the evidence of an upstanding independence on the part of the American people. The American, high and low has a wholesome respect for the man in overalls. This workman is the equal of the best over here, while in Europe he is a mere menial, deserving no consideration.

A physician, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, a man of professional reputation, recently went to New York and obtained work as an electrician's assistant at \$8 a week. All day he went about the streets with his pliers, clad in overalls and jumper, making repairs on electric light wires. On the streets, in the cars, and while doing his work, he found that his overalls were an "open sesame" to more of kindness and consideration than he had met in all the years of his practice of a dignified and learned profession. So much more enviable did he find the attitude of the world as a laborer that he declared himself tempted to give up his profession and don the overalls for all time.

With this spirit abroad in the land there is no wonder that the best man takes pride in the labor of his hands, and consequently that the working people are the most intelligent, able and prosperous in the world. There is plenty of willingness to honor them, because they deserve it.

"The writer once heard Gen. M. W. Ransom remark that the people in the mountains of Western North Carolina were the most independent people he ever met, and among the best people he ever met. That they would look you square in the eye and give you to understand that they were as good as anybody. The General seemed to admire their independence. He said a man without independence was not much account."

**Halley's Comet Due.**

Exchange.  
Scientists have their telescopes in readiness for observing Halley's comet which is now about due to be come visible and which is the most renowned of all phenomena. This comet was observed first nearly 2,000 years ago when a sword of flame was observed in the heavens before the birth of Christ and filled a superstitious world with dread and expectations of evil visitations. Since that time this comet is said to have been visible at intervals of about 75 years and was last seen in 1835. Its reappearance is, therefore, not far off.

This comet is now said to be approaching the earth from the other side of the sun and the finely sensitized instruments of modern science may any day detect its presence in the heavens. And then a little later any who wish to cast their eyes toward the constellation of Orion shortly before daylight will be able to witness the spectacle. The nearest approach of this comet to the earth is said to be 13,000,000 miles, and the distance it has traveled is over four thousand million miles.

**Grand Jury Report.**

North Carolina, Caldwell County.  
To Hon. W. B. Council, Judge presiding.  
We, the Grand Jurors for this term of court, beg to submit the following report:  
1st. We have examined and passed on all bills brought to us by the Solicitor.  
2nd. We have made presentments of all cases against the dignity of the State coming to our knowledge.  
3rd. We have sent a committee of three to the County Home provided for the aged and in infirm. They report some needed repairs on the building as follows: All the houses should have a coat of paint as they are decaying very fast, also two new pillars should be placed under one of the buildings, and the roofs should be repaired on all the buildings; some of the windows have several panes out and should be replaced at once; we also suggest the fireplaces be repaired. We questioned the inmates and they report that they are well treated and have plenty of substantial food, the rooms and beds are clean and well kept. We also suggest that some improvements be made on the farm as it is growing up in small underbrush and run down very badly; this committee suggests that in the future no manure be hauled away from the farm as has been the custom heretofore, but used to improve the farm.

4th. We visited the jail in a body and find that the building is well looked after, is kept clean and neat inside, also the prisoners are well cared for. We suggest, that window panes be put in some of the windows, also some of the doors need repairs. We suggest that the vines be trimmed around the windows so that plenty of air and sunshine can get in and that the wood work on the outside be repaired and painted. We would suggest that the jail lot be cleaned up and the rubbish carried away.


5th. We have inspected the Court House and find that some repairs on the building should be looked after, that the plaster is falling off and should be replaced, that seats in court room be repaired and railings around bar be fixed; also that window panes be replaced and the doors need some repairs. Also more spittoons should be placed over the building. We suggest that new carpet be placed in the bar, and that a new table be gotten for the solicitor. We find that one of the rooms opening from the court room is full of papers and rubbish and should be removed at once.

We have visited the offices of the Sheriff, Register of Deeds, and Clerk and find them in good condition and well kept.

The porches need repainting and sanding, and the windows of the toilet room should be painted or frosted. We suggest that closet be set aside for the colored people. Also suggest that the Court House lot should be cleaned up and kept so, that the closet in the Court House yard be removed or kept in a sanitary condition. We suggest that the roof and all guttering be looked after at once.

6th. We find that there is a great deal of complaint of the condition of the roads over the County, and suggest that the County Commissioners look after them and require the overseers to put in the time required by law. Also that the road Supervisors be required to go over them and report the condition of same according to law.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. H. PIPES, Foreman.  
A true copy,  
J. W. CURTIS, Clerk Superior Court.



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**A New Plan for Raising the Pastors Salary.**

Concord Times.  
The constitution of the St. John's Lutheran Church, in this county, contains the following paragraph showing the method of raising the pastor's salary, which is a capital one, it seems to us:  
"Every member is duty bound to contribute of his means, according to his utmost ability, for the maintenance of the congregation and the general work of the church. The pastor's salary shall be raised in the followings ways: (a) Each member is expected to make a yearly per capita contribution, the minimum of which shall be, for males \$1.50, for females \$1.00; (b) all persons owning real estate, personal property, stocks, notes and bonds, are also expected to contribute, in addition to the per capita contribution, each year an amount equal to an assessment of not less than 25 cents and not more than 50 cents on each hundred dollars' worth of property owned. The basis for this assessment shall be the county tax books in the hands of the sheriff, and every two years the deacons shall examine these books and make their lists correspond with the tax-book records."  
(How does this strike the different churches in Lenoir and Caldwell County.)

**Bride of a Few Weeks is Sent to Jail.**

Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 14.—The sending of Mrs. James Disher, 20 years of age, and a bride of only a few weeks, to jail at Abingdon, Va., reveals a sensational scandal and case of infanticide. According to Mrs. Disher's own story, told at a preliminary investigation, she threw her infant into a neighbor's hogpen, presumably to be devoured by hogs. She denies having killed the child, but a string about its neck caused the examining physicians to conclude that the child had been strangled before being consigned to the hogpen.

**Save The Editor.**

Times—Mercury.  
Here is a minister who appreciates the editor. At a recent editorial convention he gave the following advice:  
"To save an editor from starvation, take his paper and pay him promptly. To save him from bankruptcy, advertise in his paper liberally. To save him from despair, send him every item of news you can get hold of. To save him from profanity, write your correspondence plainly on one side of the sheet and send it as early as possible. To save him from mistakes bury him. Dead people are the only ones who never make mistakes."