

BETTER TIMES AHEAD.

The high cost of living continues to be a live subject with a large number of the people for the reason that when the average man finds it hard to make buckle and tongue meet he is apt to try to fix the blame and to have a good deal to say in so doing.

There are those who predict that the right-sort of adjustment of the tariff will solve the problem. Others say that the prime reason living is high is that folks are extravagant and self-indulgent, or in other words that it isn't a question of the high cost of living but of the cost of high living and that if folks didn't live so high their purses would bulge instead of wearing the present attenuated look.

And we have just read an interview with a traveling man who says that there is much to consider, besides the tariff and the extravagance of the people, in trying to find a remedy for the hard run condition in which so many persons find themselves. He has been traveling around considerably and he says he has been keeping his eyes open with the result, he states, that he has found that the farmer has become something of a financier and in so many instances is prepared to hold his produce for high prices that he exercises an influence on the whole price situation.

For instance he tells of New Jersey farmers who buy large quantities of sweet potatoes when the prices are low, keep them in cellars until they get scarce and then sell them at a large advance over what they paid for them. This is paying attention to what the farmers call "distribution" and it is a good thing for the farmer but hard on the salaried men and wage earners generally.

There is something in all three of the reasons assigned for the average man finding that there is very little or no difference between his income and his expenses. The tendency to extravagant tastes is certainly a factor. The tariff on articles of food is obliged, it seems to us, to make those articles higher than they would be if they were admitted free. And the shrewd farmers who are learning to hold their produce until it is scarce and high must also bear their share of the responsibility for the fact that living with all reasonable discount for the increasingly expensive tastes of the people is high.

There is little doubt that the tariff will be revised in such a way as to remove or substantially reduce the duties on foods. The country seems to be getting over the craze for riches which was once the controlling sentiment with so many, men who corner the market are being frowned down upon rather than praised as was the case formerly. Along with this change for the better in the ideals of the people with reference to the sort of achievement that is really worth while is, we believe, a realization that the lack of thrift is one of the main troubles with the American people and a corresponding determination to overcome this fault.

So on the whole, the prospect seems to be good for better and easier times for the "ultimate consumer" being found just around the corner.

ROAD SENTENCES FOR SELLING LIQUOR.

Liquor retailing is going to get out of fashion in Charlotte. Recorder Smith says that hereafter all persons convicted of the offence will receive road sentences. It is this ultimatum of his that makes us think that there is going to be considerably less retailing in Charlotte in the future than there has been in the past.

Within the past few months numbers of white men have been arrested in Charlotte of retailing and instead of being sent to the

The New Perfection Heating Plate has proved a great convenience to all users of the New Perfection Oil Cook-stove. This year we are selling The New Perfection Broiler, The New Perfection Toaster, The New Perfection Griddle, each designed specially for use on the New Perfection Stove.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY (Incorporated in New Jersey) NEWARK, N. J. BALTIMORE, MD.

NOTICE.

On account of change of schedules by Railroad Company there has been changes in the time of closing some of the mails at this office. Below is a complete list of all mails leaving this office and the last minute at which mail may be deposited in the postoffice for dispatch via, same.

Beaufort—Closes 8:40 a. m. 8:05 p. m. Bridgeton, Closes 10:30 a. m. Belhaven, Washington and Raleigh, Closes 1:15 p. m. Goldsboro, 8:40 a. m. 8:30 p. m. Norfolk, 8:40 a. m. Night express trains 9:00 p. m. Oriental 9:20 a. m. 5:15 p. m. (Sundays 6:25 p. m.) Wilmington, 9:05 a. m. Whitford, 1:00 p. m. (Tues. and Sat. only)

J. S. BASNIGHT, FOREMASTER.

We will win with Woodrow Wilson.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Any way, the pinnacle of fame must be an uncomfortable perch to roost on.

A HERO IN A LIGHTHOUSE.

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Haven, Mich., a civil-war captain, as a lighthouse keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck himself, if Electric Bitters had not prevented "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes "after I had taken other so called cures for years without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they are without equal. Try them. Only 50 cents at all druggists.

Job was a patient man, but he never found the cat asleep on the piano just after he had vanished.

During the summer months mothers of young children should watch for any unnatural looseness of the bowels. When given prompt attention at this time serious trouble may be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

There's nothing green about the grass widow who goes after the rich bachelor.

SOLEY-KIDNEY-PILLS FOR NEURALGIC MIGRAINE AND BLINDNESS

Trying to be a Christian on the installment plan is a waste of time.

A GIRL'S WILD MIDNIGHT RIDE

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, colds and coughs, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "I cured my case of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. B. Patterson, Wallington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds. Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all Druggists."

Teachers Examination.

Public Examination for teachers certificate will be held at the Court House in New Bern Thursday and Friday, July 11 and 12, beginning each day at 10 a. m. The examination Thursday will be for white teachers and Friday for colored teachers.

WOMEN

Women of the highest type, women of superior education and refinement, whose discernment and judgment give weight and force to their opinions, highly prize the wonderful corrective and curative properties of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Throughout the many stages of woman's life, from childhood through the ordeals of motherhood to the declining years, there is no safer or more reliable medicine. Chamberlain's Tablets are sold everywhere at 25c a box.

ROAD SENTENCES FOR SELLING LIQUOR.

Liquor retailing is going to get out of fashion in Charlotte. Recorder Smith says that hereafter all persons convicted of the offence will receive road sentences. It is this ultimatum of his that makes us think that there is going to be considerably less retailing in Charlotte in the future than there has been in the past.

Within the past few months numbers of white men have been arrested in Charlotte of retailing and instead of being sent to the

MAN'S LAND A ROMANCE BY LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WATERS

CHAPTER VII.

Some moments elapsed, Coast's every nerve and sense upon the rack. Though he heard it no more, still that cry rang in his head, and he could but wait, smitten dumb and motionless, feeling his chilled flesh crawl, entranced by feverish shapes conjured up by an imagination striving vainly to account for what had happened—what it seemed interminably; for what he hardly knew or guessed, unless it were for a repetition or some explanation of that inexplicable cry.

He received neither. His straining faculties detected none but familiar noises. Insensibly he grew more calm. So silent was the world, seemingly so saturated with the spirit of brooding peace, that he was tempted to believe he had dreamed that first shriek, to which he had wakened, and that the second was but an echo of it in his brain; some hideous trick of nerves, a sort of waking hallucination, to be explained only on psychological grounds.

And yet—Appleyard? What of him? Was there any connection to be traced between his mysterious disappearance from the Echo and that weird, unearthly scream? Was there really land near, and had the little man found it only to become the victim of some frightful, nameless peril? Could that have been his voice, calling for help? And in what dread extremity?

There was nothing he could do, no way to reach the man. The tender was gone, the shore invisible—and who should say how far distant? Otherville would not have hesitated to swim for it.

Presently it occurred to him to wonder where the Echo lay—off what land. Appleyard's responses to his inquiries, several hours back, returned to memory. The name, No Man's Land, intruded. He interrupted his vigil to investigate such sources of information as he had at hand.

In the cabin again, with the lamp turned high, he dragged out a chart—number 113 of the admirable series published by the Coast and Geodetic Survey, delineating with wonderful accuracy the hydrography of Buzzard's Bay and Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds, together with the topography of the littoral and islands.

With pencil it was easy to trace the Echo's course from New Bedford harbor through Quick's Hole; a little to the east of which, say of Robinson's Hole, the fog had overtaken them. To the south and east of that point lay Martha's Vineyard, for all the world like a trussed fowl in profile. And there—yes, due south of Gay Head—there was No Man's Land, its contour much that of an infant's shoe, the heel digging into the Atlantic. Comparison with the scale demonstrated it to be roughly a mile and five-eighths long by a mile wide—extreme measurements.



THE BLACKSTONE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Has since 1894 given "Thorough instruction under positively Christian influences at the lowest possible cost." RESULT: It is to-day with a faculty of 23, a boarding patronage of 858 its student body of 412, and its plant worth \$140,000 THE LEADING TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN VIRGINIA \$1000 pays all charges for the year, including table board, room, lights, steam heat, laundry medical attention, physical, culture, and tuition in all subjects except music and elocution. For catalogue and application blank address, REV. THOMAS ROSSER REEVES, B. A., Principal, BLACKSTONE, VA.

BINGHAM ASHEVILLE N. C.

has prepared Boys for College and Man- in all the Colleges their attend North and South. Vandalia, Southwestern and Safety Against Fire pronounced the BEST by 1500 doctors and by every visiting Foreign Surgeon. Sale of 10 pounds term of contract commencing our Climate, Fare and Cost of Pupils, Military, to help in making Boys of Boys. Just 24

Founded 1838 Chartered 1859

TRINITY COLLEGE

ITS STRENGTH LIES IN A Large, Well-Trained Faculty; Excellent Buildings and Equipment; Full, Well-Arranged Courses; Earnest, High-Minded Students; A Large and Loyal Body of Alumni and Friends; Noble Ideals and Tradition; An Inspiring History of Achievement and Service. Next Session begins September 11, 1912. For Catalogue and Illustrated Book let, Address R. L. FLOWERS, Secretary, Durham, N. C.

TRINITY PARK SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1898 Location excellent. Equipment first-class. Well-trained Faculty of successful experience. Special care of the health of students. An in tract r. i. each dormitory to supervise living conditions of boys under his care. Excell in library and gymnasium facilities. Large athletic field. Fall Term opens September 11. FOR ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE, ADDRESS W. W. PEELE, Headmaster, Durham, N. C.

EAST CAROLINA TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL

A State school to train teachers for the public schools of North Carolina. Every energy is directed to this one purpose. Tuition free to all who agree to teach. Fall Term begins September 24 1912. For catalogue and other information address. ROBT. H. RIGHT, President, Greenville, N. C.

OLD DOMINION LINE

Delightful Short Sea Trips To NEW YORK AND ALL POINTS NORTH AND EAST Affording Pleasure and Rest. Norfolk to New York and Return (30 Days) \$14.00 First class tickets include Meals and Berth on elegantly appointed excursions steamers. Hot or Cold Sea Water Baths can be procured on Steamer without charge. Steamers are all equipped with the United Wireless Telegraph System. STEAMERS SAIL FROM NORFOLK EVERY WEEK DAY AT 7 P. M. Tickets and Stateroom Reservations, Company's Wharf, Foot of Church St., Norfolk, Va. Ask your local ticket agent regarding through tickets. Send for illustrated Pamphlet Desk J. W. H. LANDON, General Agent, Norfolk, Va. J. J. BROWN, Gen. Pass. Agent New York.

ATLANTIC HOTEL

MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA NOW OPEN EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS, NEW MANAGEMENT FINEST FISHING IN AMERICA The Greatest Seashore Hotel in the South. Accommodations for 1,000 Guests.

Every variety of sea and fresh water fish abound in abundance. The ATLANTIC HOTEL fronts the ocean beach, which runs east and west, offering the much sought northwest corner water front, and its guests enjoy an invigorating ocean breeze throughout the summer. Here you have more unique and exclusive advantages than can be found on the Atlantic coast—bathing upon the beautiful and placid Bogue Sound or the Atlantic. Still water and Surf Bathing. Indispensable Boat and Deep Sea Fishing. Many nearby points of traditional and historic interest. Tennis, Tennis Pool, Billiards, Music.

1912 CONVENTIONS AT MOREHEAD

N. C. Bar July 8-8th. N. C. Press July 23-26th. For handsome illustrated booklet and reservations address, ALLYN A. DuBOIS, Manager, Morehead City, N. C.

SUMMER EXCURSION FARES

Now in Effect to Beaufort and Morehead City. The seashore season is now open and Summer Excursion tickets are on sale at all stations to Morehead City, N. C., and Beaufort, N. C. good to return until October 1st. For complete information from any ticket agent.

SOLEY-KIDNEY-PILLS

TOBACCO - QUICK IN RESULTS Once prompt relief from BACKACHE, KIDNEY and BLADDER TROUBLE, NEURALGIA, CONGESTION of the KIDNEYS, INFLAMMATION of the BLADDER and all annoying URINARY IRRREGULARITIES. A positive boon to MIDDLE AGED and ELDERLY PEOPLE and for WOMEN. BATH BUREAU RECOMMENDATION 314, South 4th Street, New York, N. Y.