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We wish to call your attention to
the fact that it is and has been our
custom to charge five cents per line
or resolutions of respect, cards of
thanks and obituary notices, after one
month notice has been published. This
rule will be strictly adhered to.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8, 1924.

One most forgets the Mexican
squabble in these days of brewing oil.
Will Teapot Dome oil be recom-
mended for Ford's following the De-
troiter's political affiliations?

New York cops learn eye-lid talk-
ing. We "alls that" the black-jack
was a good eye-opener.

The Kiwanians, collectively and in-
dividually, varnished their motto of
"We Build" by their day's work for a
Cleveland county fair.

"The Man of Peace" reads the line
over the vault where the remains of
Woodrow Wilson have been placed.
No more fitting inscription could
have been written.

J. A. Arey, state dairyman, brought
this county into the limelight again,
when at a recent meeting of ice cream
manufacturers he read a paper in
which Cleveland county was credited
with establishing the first commer-
cial creamery in North Carolina.

AIDING THRIFT.
Thrift week is over and this issue
of The Star carries the names of the
school children who won the prizes in
the poster campaign. Much good has
no doubt come through this campaign,
not only to the school children but
to the adults as well. The three local
banks and building and loan associa-
tions deserve the thanks of the com-
munity for sponsoring a movement
which has for its purpose instilling
habits of thrift into the lives of young
people. The bank and building and
loan officials know how important it
is to practice thrift, for under their
observation too often has come sad
sights which might have been avoided
if their spend-thrift customers had
been more thrifty. It is most dis-
agreeable for a bank or building and
loan to see their customers pay the
penalty of extravagance, and in order
that the coming generation might
learn the lessons of thrift these
banking and building institutions
spent good money to teach the prin-
ciples enunciated by Benjamin Frank-
lin.

PAINTING FARM HOUSES.
The campaign sponsored by the
Cleveland county board of agriculture
to have farm houses painted this
spring will do much to add to the at-
tractiveness of our rural sections if
the campaign meets with the approv-
al we anticipate. Paint not only adds
to the appearance of property, but
it preserves its lasting qualities and
since the absence of paint on thou-
sands of farm houses on well tilled
farms owned by well-to-do farmers
has been so noticeable to visitors who
have been attracted to Cleveland by
our agricultural supremacy, we feel
that our farmers will give due consid-
eration to this meritorious movement.
Painted farm houses reflect credit on
the occupants and exert an influence
for good in many ways. We hope,
therefore, that the campaign will be
well received and that the painting
campaign will continue until rural
Cleveland presents the most com-
mendable homes in North Carolina—
homes that are in keeping with the
splendid farms and noble men and
women who have made it possible for
the county to herald to the world that
14 of our leading farm products last
year had a value of nine and a half
million dollars.

THE NEW JAIL.
The county commissioners will hold
an adjourned session on Monday next
at which time the contract will be for-
mally let for the new jail which has
been under consideration for some-
time. When the first plans were
drawn and submitted to the state
prison board as well as the state
board of public welfare, certain mod-
ifications were made that called for a
jail beyond our immediate or future
requirements. When the bids were open-
ed, it was found that the lowest bid
was well over \$100,000 and immedi-
ately the commissioners rejected all,
except the low bidder who was held in
abeyance until the plans and specifi-
cations could be cut down. A less
pretentious building will therefore be
erected and the cost will be in the
neighborhood of \$60,000—a sum
which we believe the tax payers are
willing to invest in a new and needed
institution. The commissioners are to
be commended for refusing to spend
\$100,000 in a jail. Crime is on the de-
crease, or at least the number of of-
fenders incarcerated grows less. We
do not know what the present plans
call for, but the commissioners are
wise in limiting an investment of this
nature to \$60,000 rather than spend-
ing the \$100,000. We hope they will

see to it that the county gets its
money's worth for \$60,000 and in or-
der to do this there should be some
oversight of the contractor.

**WHEN WILSON WAS
NOMINATED.**

Ex-President Woodrow Wilson was
buried Wednesday—a great war Pres-
ident who presided at the head of
this, the greatest nation in the world.
Just how did he happen to be nomi-
nated? Just how did he happen to be
called as chief executive of this na-
tion? Political history tells us:

At Baltimore in 1912 Mr. Wilson
was nominated after one of the most
hectic battles in the history of democ-
ratic conventions.

The rules of the democratic party
require that a man to obtain the nomi-
nation must receive a two-thirds ma-
jority of the ballot cast by the dele-
gates. It has also been the custom
that once a man received a majority
of the votes that the opposing factors
would go over to give the necessary
two-thirds majority. The Baltimore
convention had been in session for
several days and a great struggle was
being waged. Hon. William Jennings
Bryan had been a supporter of Champ
Clark. Mr. Bryan controlled the Ne-
braska delegation. Tammany Hall, the
giant New York political organiza-
tion, had not been supporting either
Clark or Wilson, but seeing that
their champion was hopelessly out of
the running, went to Clark, thus giv-
ing the Missouri man a majority but
not the two-thirds necessary. Mr.
Bryan then threw consternation into
the convention by withdrawing from
Clark and going over to Wilson, thus
raising a deadlock that lasted two
days. Mr. Bryan gave as an excuse
for changing that he could not con-
sistently support any candidate that
Tammany Hall supported.

It has been asserted that Mr. Bryan
was piqued because in his three
attempts to gain the presidency Tam-
many Hall did not accord him that
loyal support which he thought he
had a right to expect, and by some
that he deliberately threw the con-
vention into a deadlock with the
hope that some one would place his
name before the convention and thus
make him for the fourth time the
standard bearer of democracy. Of
course all that was mere speculation.

It is of record that Mr. Wilson
called his managers more than once
over the phone and pleaded with them
to withdraw his name. This they
steadfastly refused to do, and after
what was perhaps the longest ballot-
ing in the history of a democratic
convention he was nominated.

"WILSON DAY."
President Coolidge and congression-
al leaders have been asked by repre-
sentatives of 22 nationalities that Ar-
mistice Day be re-named "Wilson
Day". Armistice Day, although new
in America's calendar of events, has
already taken its place to the fore-
front of our great days and it is a
fitting suggestion that it be called
Wilson day.

On November 11, 1918, the known
world was the plaything of the God
of war, as history never before had
heralded, and on that day strife that
had sacrificed the best of the world's
youth was stilled. With the coming
of the silence that hovered on the
battle-scarred fields of France the
most outstanding figure of the time,
Woodrow Wilson, started his grim
fight that the peace bought by that
wonderful blood might prevail every-
where until the end of time. And to
that fight he gave his all as did his
boys on Flanders field. To some the
signing of the armistice meant only
the end of the war, the concurring
of the Hun, but to Woodrow Wilson
the terrible price paid meant more—he
saw "Peace on earth and good will
toward men."

There will be a day set aside for
the man whose name and ideals will
live throughout the ages and no day
could embody more than armistice
day as "Wilson Day."

His Place In History.
News and Observer.

Many newspaper readers, no doubt,
found it interesting to compare opin-
ions as to Woodrow Wilson as publish-
ed in The News and Observer yester-
day with their own convictions as to
the relative standing of Wilson in his-
tory. "He was the greatest man of his
time," said a Raleigh citizen yesterday
discussing the chief magistrate who
had just passed. He was not alone in
his opinion as a glance at the estimates
carried yesterday will show.

The greatest figure of the century
has passed, declared Bernard M. Ba-
ruch. Senator George, of Georgia, said
that Wilson was the world's first citi-
zen. Senator Harris was of the same
opinion. He was excelled by no presi-
dent said Carter Glass. He will take
high place among the renowned of all
ages was the view of Senator Rob-
inson. His name will be in every roll
call of immortals, declared Representa-
tive Garrett. Senator Dial of South
Carolina was disposed to regard him
as the greatest man of modern times.

Times of crisis bring out the great
men. The World War brought into the
public view three great men. They
were not generals or admirals, but
civilians—Woodrow Wilson, David
Lloyd George and Georges Clemen-
ceau. We do not think there can be
any doubt that of the three Wilson in
history will rank highest. W. G. Mc-
Adoo compressed his superiority over
the other two in a few words: "His
example and his work will influence
the destiny of civilization for centu-
ries to come." Shaping history and
shaping it for the larger good—that
indeed is true greatness.

The Farmer and His Car.
New York World.

It will cause caustic comment in
some quarters that the farmers of the
United States as a class should head
the country in the possession of au-

tomobiles. Supposedly, the farmers
suffered after the war the worst re-
verse in their history, in some sec-
tions of the country failing to pay ex-
penses and in others barely breaking
even. How does this theory fit in
with the announcement that a survey

of the Atlantic coast section revealed
58 per cent of the agriculturists as
automobile owners?

The answer is that the automobile,
which in towns is usually more or
less a luxury, in the country has be-
come a necessity. When the farmer
moves to town and retires he might
as well sell his old car and walk to
the postoffice. It represents, if he
keeps it, only a needless expense. A
majority of the people who live in
cities and who could better afford au-
tomobiles than the average farmer do
own them because they have no great
distance to travel and the streets
are too congested to make a machine
a comfortable conveyance. Driving
your own car in New York city may

promote comfort, but it does not in-
sure rapid transit. Surface traffic
is left far behind by the subway.

But a farmer must walk, hitch up a
team or drive a car when he goes
of town. A team is quite as expensive
as a car and much slower. As a result
he buys a car when he can, and uses
it not one season but until it col-
lapses.

**WENTWORTH DEMANDS
RESIGNATION OF THREE**

The largest crowd ever assembled at
the county seat met at Wentworth
Monday to protest against the build-
ing of the Fishing Creek bridge.
Outstanding features were resolu-

tions asking that the three commis-
sioners for a conference, but it devel-
oped that only two of the five mem-
bers were present for the regular
monthly meeting. Several short ad-
dresses were delivered and the last
act of the meeting was to unanimously
pass resolutions instructing the citi-
zens committee to demand the im-
mediate resignation of Commissioner
Pratt, McCollum and Pruitt and in
case they refused to resign to pro-
ceed at once in the committee's dis-
cretion to oust them by legal proceed-
ings. The meeting voted unanimously
to stand by the committee in the mat-
ter.

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