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## CORN CRACKER

### WEEKLY LETTER

Gives some more of his ideas about things.

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As I am interested in both teaching and farming, this article will deal with those vocations.

It will be remembered that I have taught in three states and farmed in two; and hence speak with the voice of authority and not as the scribes.

A peculiarity of humanity is the fact that every man knows exactly how to succeed in a vocation that he never pursued.

Nearly every body knows how to teach school except the teacher and a very illiterate personage is Johnny-on-the-spot as to management of a news paper.

The more ignorant and narrow a preacher is, the more cocksure he is that he is a post-master in the calling that it required a life time for Froebel and Pestalozzi to master; and the editor of a church paper or a political daily sums to speak from inspiration as to know how a farmer should manage a time financial stringery. Farmers of sense, experience and intelligence have cast by the cost of producing cotton under present conditions, and when verdicts are all in; the range is from 9 to 12 cents a pound.

With the general wisdom of ages, men who never plowed a furrow nor produced a pound of cotton, insist that farmers sell at cents what it cost 12 cents to produce and relieve financial stringery.

Were the farmer to suggest that a minister cut his salary in the dry down to 50 percent of present price, and that lawyers, and county officers, reduce their salary at same time; from press and pulpit would come a whispering rebuke and the farmer would be regarded as a pestilent fellow, a mover sedition, and most violent and pronounced Anarchist.

They say the cost of living is so high that the professions, all except teachers, must have an increase to live. Why not the farmers and the teachers mount wagon on an increase?

Does the farmer not eat, wear clothes, build houses and barns, pay preachers and doctors, and patronize merchants? If he does not feed and clothe the rest of mankind, who does? He produces and harvests, corn, wheat, oats, wool, rye, cotton, coffee, and rubber, as well as horses, hogs and other four footed beasts and creeping things. In times of invasion he marches to the firing line at the tap of the drum, and in time of peace, "The farmer is the man that feedeth all". If he produces the wealth of the world, why should he not have a voice in pricing some of his products and enjoy some fruits of his labor?

Corn bread and tough biscuit, fine bosom and cheap coffee is the bill of fare for many poor farmers in the south. If he protests against conditions he is accused of idleness; and if cotton is cheap he has worked too hard and produced too much.

As to the teacher if he is competent and capable of performing the duties of any county offices. These officials in this county are paid \$2,250 per year and

## HONOR ROLL

### HERALD FAMILY

Some of those who have won distinction by paying up.

Those who have paid their subscription to the Herald within the last few days.

#### KINGS MOUNTAIN

M. L. Houser, Dr. J. E. Anthony, J. C. Baumgardner, E. W. Barnes, Rev. C. K. Bell, D. M. Baker, W. J. C. A. Ford, Mayor A. E. Cline, Carpenter & McGill, Capt. F. Dilling, H. T. Fulton, F. Flovd, D. F. Hord, J. E. Lifford, L. M. Logan, L. A. McGill, S. A. Mauney, S. E. Miller, G. H. McDaniel, Hunter Patterson, Benton Putman, W. L. Plonk, I. Boyce Falls, Rev. E. O. Cole, G. W. Kendrick, L. P. Baker.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, R. 1. Thomas Hamrick.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, R. 4. W. T. Bradford, N. J. Huffstetler, KINGS MOUNTAIN, R. 5. A. L. Wells, G. D. Hambright, SHELBY, N. C.

F. L. Ellis, BESSEMER CITY Mrs. Sallie Ramseur.

O. Max Gardner, the State Senator from Cleveland County has been honored with the position of speaker pro-tem. Let us congratulate ourselves upon the recognition of our worthy Solon. Mr. Gardner deserves this honor because of his splendid ability. He measures arms with any of his fellows as a lawyer in the bar; he scarcely has an equal in the county when oratory is the test, and when a good looking, all around Christian gentleman is called for Max fills the bill to a "T".

#### New Houses.

The following have either just finished new residences here or have them near completion; Ben D. Phifer, Mrs. Maggie Early, Boyce Early, Billie Le Richeaux building one and remodeling one.

Hard times or not the town builds right on.

more in many cases, while a teacher is paid from \$175 to \$200 per year. Blessed are they who mold character and improve minds; for they shall catch hell.

As to teaching, I have a very pleasant school at Elbethel. We mean to have a box-supper soon, and hope to see the chivalry of Kings Mtn in evidence.

The honor roll of the school is as follows; Misses Ameile Falls, Pearl Byars, Edilda Barba, Julia Falls, and Mr. John Mauney, Bailey Mauney, Basil Barber and Smith Gallimore of seventh grade.

Cleo Mauney of sixth grade, May Sue Byars, of third and Alton Ellis of second, deserve mention.

As to social affairs, this region still revels in harmony.

On last Monday evening a piano and violin recital was rehearsed at residence of Thos. Falls Esq. Miss Pearl and Amelle Falls played accompaniment to sad eyed and peripolitic fiddler and the hours passed on flying feet.

On Thursday evening of this week, a similar affair was rehearsed at home of Longstreet Goforth and Mrs. R. D. Goforth of North Dakota, presided at piano, with same violinist.

M. L. White Corncracker

## "It Just Will Not Do."

Well, it may have to do. It depends upon you, Mr. Merchant. We have hung on well but the hold weakens. You say that the HERALD is now the best sheet the town has ever had. You say that it will never do in the world to suspend publication or cut the paper down to four pages. But whether it will do or not, it will simply have to do if you do not give us better advertising patronage.

"That was the newsiest paper I ever saw last week," remarked a good lady to the Herald man. Yes, and it cost about fifty dollars to produce it and yielded less than ten dollars in revenue.

Mr. Business man it's "up to you". Will you support a home paper or do without?

#### Mr. and Mrs. Huss Bereaved.

Their many friends deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Huss of Bessemer City, in the great bereavement which has come to them in the death of their youngest son, aged two and a half years. The little fellow died Jan. 6 from pneumonia at 7:30 o'clock. Funeral services were held at the home in Bessemer City Friday morning and the body was taken to Gastonia for interment in Oskwood cemetery.

#### A New Wet and Dry Line-Up.

As a result of the November election there are now fourteen states in the dry column. They are Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington and West Virginia.

There remain 15 states in which half the population live in so-called no-license territory. They are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Vermont.

There remain eleven states in which 25 per cent of the population lives in no-license territory. They are California, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming. At different times in the past 23 states have adopted the policy of prohibition. All but nine for one reason or another, abandoned it for local option or control by license.

California and Ohio, out of the six states in which statewide prohibition amendments were voted on this fall, elected to remain in the wet column. In Ohio the new amendment to the constitution practically places the state in the wet column forever, as it provides that no new liquor legislation shall be introduced into the legislature. The present laws, however, are very strict and are carried out to the letter. The new amendment does not prohibit the holding of wet and dry elections in communities, under the laws that are at present in force.

The states that have voted dry during the year 1914 are Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Washington and Virginia.

#### In The Post Office.

Mr. Sage Fulton who has resigned his position with D. M. Baker & Co., has accepted the assistant postmastership here. Mr. A. F. Weir, for several years assistant postmaster, has resigned to take effect February the first after which time he contemplates following another line.

#### Rudisill Ingathering.

Mrs. J. S. Mauney was New Year hostess to the following brothers; W. A. Rudisill, Lincolnton, N. C., M. E. Rudisill, Henry River, N. C., M. R. Rudisill, Henry River, N. C., A. P. Rudisill, Dallas, N. C. and M. S. Rudisill of Crouse, N. C. These formed a very congenial and happy family group which enjoyed the hospitality for a few days of the Mauney home in Kings Mountain.

## What Do You Want The Legislature to Do?

Do you want a Recorder's Court in Kings Mountain, or get in the jurisdiction of the County Recorder?

Do you want the town of Kings Mountain to be in one County or the other and take it from a straddle of the fence?

Do you want it to stop the shipment of whiskey into the state of North Carolina or Cleveland County?

Well anyhow, what do you want the Legislature to do?

There will be a meeting to-night at 7:30 in the room of the Progressive Association to consider some of these matters of public interest. Let every citizen attend.

## 5TH SUNDAY

### AT OAK GROVE

The Singing Convention will be held at Oak Grove Church 5th Sunday

The next session of the Sunday School Singing Convention will be held at Oak Grove church on Sunday, January 31st. There was some misunderstanding about the meeting of the executive meeting called for January 2nd, and a quorum failed to meet, but those who did meet decided on the above arrangement provided the other members concurred. We have consulted a sufficient number of the other members to warrant the arrangement.

Some of the choirs will use the same list of songs submitted for the last convention which was virtually rained out. If any choir has a new list or wishes to revise the old one please send in the changes not later than Friday, the 22nd. If you wish to use the same list please let us know by above date.

G. G. Page, Pres.

#### Carpenter's Store At Stanley Burned.

Fire destroyed the large two-story brick store building of B. F. Carpenter Sons Co., at Stanley, Gaston county, Monday night of last week. The entire stock of goods was consumed in the flames. The Stanley drug store, next door to the burned building, was not injured.

The first to arrive on the scene of conflagration found an upstairs rear window open and a ladder leading up to it from the ground. This fact led to the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin. Sheriff Davis of Gastonia was notified and he took blood hounds for the purpose of running down the guilty party.

The loss is said to be in the neighborhood of \$15,000, with some insurance. Cashier M. A. Carpenter of the Gastonia Loan & Trust Co., and Messrs. John G. and Carl E. Carpenter of Gastonia, are stockholders in the business. The concern was the largest firm in Stanley, carrying an extensive line of goods. The business was established by the late Mr. B. F. Carpenter and since his death has been managed by Mr. O. B. Carpenter.

Stanley, Jan. 8.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank the following directors were elected: J. M. Reinhardt, J. Jenkins, J. W. Stroud, O. B. Carpenter and J. G. Morrison of Stanley, M. A. Carpenter, of Gastonia, C. F. Abernethy of Alexia and Dr. H. N. Abernethy of Denver, Dr. M. C. Hunter of Huntersville, who has been a member of the board of directors, tendered his resignation on account of declining health. For the past year Dootor Hunter had been president of the bank.

M. A. Carpenter was elected president, Dr. H. N. Abernethy of Denver, vice president, J. M. Reinhardt, cashier, Ered Rhyne assistant. The institution has made satisfactory showing in its earning and paid its usual semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent January 1.

There has developed no clue to the identity of the party or parties that destroyed the store of B. F. Carpenter Son's Company Monday night. The firm has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty ones.

## GROVER

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Local notes about Grover people and their friends

Correspondence of The Herald.

The spring term of the Grover High School began Monday, the 11th with an enrollment of 135. The school is progressing under the management of Miss Meldona Livingstone and her able assistants Misses Maxco, Bell, and Wilson.

Miss Lola Morris of the Piedmont High School faculty, Mr. Jim Jenkins of Rock Hill, S. C. and Mrs. Lyda Baber of Blacksburg were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Keeter last week.

The Baptist Baraca and Philanthropies had a Social Meeting Friday evening. A sad course was served. Everybody seemed to enjoy the meeting.

Misses Ethel and Leo Keeter, attractive daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Keeter, have returned to Lenoir and Clayton N. C. to take up their work as teachers in the Graded schools.

After spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. George Oates, little Miss Nell Oates has returned to her home at Kings Mountain.

Mrs. G. W. Spangler of Shelby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. White have moved into their new bungalow which is one of the most attractive homes in our town.

Miss Verna Lindsay of Kings Mtn. spent the week end with Miss Clara Weir.

The following girls and boys have returned to the different colleges to resume their work: Miss Maude Oates, Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs, N. C.; Miss Nina Turner, Meredith College, Raleigh; Mr. Roy Hambrick, University of North Carolina; Messrs. Byron Keeter and Lyle Ellis, Wake Forest; Mr. Louis Ellis to Clemson, Clemson, S. C. and Mr. Clyde Oates to the Richmond Medical College at Richmond.

Mrs. J. W. Gibson and children of Greenville, S. C. and Mrs. Cora Cowan of Rutherfordton, are visiting Miss Julia Malinax.

Mrs. J. T. Kendrick of Kings Mountain is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Julius Weir.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller and daughters, Misses Lois and Vida of Kings Mountain spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Herndon.

Mrs. Sally Herndon Hord of Shelby is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ellis.

After spending ten days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Herndon, Mrs. Jim Parker has returned to her home at Wallhalla, S. C. Miss Emma Sledge of Kentucky also spent a few days with Mrs. Herndon last week.

Mrs. Emma Crocker, and little daughter Aileen, of Gaffney, S. C., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crocker, and Mr. and Mrs. Logan Crocker.

Miss Estelle Crocker has accepted a school near Gaffney, S. C. She left Sunday to take up the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lipscomb and dainty little daughter, Bettie Brown, returned to their home at Cowpens, S. C. Tuesday after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hardin, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hamrick.