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FEEDING PROLEM EASY

It is not often that anything appearing in the Statesville Landmark escapes us, but we confess to overlooking reference to the following in that excellent paper:

Recently the Landmark suggested that towns the size of Statesville, Hickory and Concord probably didn't have enough eating places to entertain a big assemblage on the Harvard plan. Thereupon Col. Sam Farabee of the Hickory Record up and asked if the Landmark editor had been in Hickory recently. Whereupon Col. Farabee was asked to name the number of people he could feed at the public eating places in Hickory—the hotels, cafes, restaurants, boarding houses, etc.—at one time in an hour to come right down to brass tacks and name the exact number that could be fed at each public place now in existence, in an hour's time, and if he could feed 400 to 500 in an hour the Landmark was willing to take his town off the unprepared list. Since then the silence on this subject in Hickory way has been dense. Perhaps Col. Farabee is still counting—or has taken the count.

The Record has taken the count, and is prepared to assure Judge Clark that Hickory can entertain on the Harvard plan as many as 600 or 750 delegates at the two hotels and several restaurants, all of the first class. We guarantee, with the permission of the hotel and restaurant men, to take care of 400 or 500 persons in an hour, and feed them on the best that is grown in Catawba county. We will admit, however, that the difficulty of finding rooms for 400 or 500 persons would be more serious, but the feeding problem is easy. Come up, Judge Clark; but you won't find the Harvard plan in vogue.

THE FARMERS DO WELL

The report of Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, published in the Record today shows that the farmers of North Carolina are unusually prosperous and are in fact enjoying a prosperity greater than ever before in the state's history. This is due to the curtailment of cotton acreage and the increased production of food crops.

The Record would not say that we can raise corn and wheat as profitably in all the counties of North Carolina as can the farmers in some of the western states, but it will assert that year in and year out that farmer will be more prosperous who supplies the needs of his own table and then has produce to sell.

SHOULD BE ELIMINATED

Mr. I. N. Paine of Statesville tells the Landmark that hazing has been renewed at A. and M. College and he and the Landmark call upon the best element in the state to use their utmost efforts in having the brutal practice eliminated. The Record had believed that hazing had really passed at the various colleges, and it feels sure that the A. and M. authorities will do everything in their power to rid the institution of the rough element. If a hundred have to be sent home, it will be better for the college than to allow them to remain, but this the officers know.

It is time to begin making your Christmas selections. Buy early, mail early and show consideration for everybody. A package can be mailed in a day or two and save the postman or expressman many extra hours of weary work later on. And above all, do not send your money out of town. Patronize home merchants and build up Catawba county.

The Upper South Carolina Methodist conference voted down a resolution to protest against President Wilson's preparedness program, a fact that we hope will not be overlooked.

In taking charge of his own case, Tom Watson saved a lot of good money.

Buy your Christmas presents from home merchants.

The cost of making war has gone up beyond reach.—Florida Times-Union.

Chicago's telephone system now comprises 400,000 installations.

Col. Thomas Best springs Col. W. Watt of Charlotte as a candidate for corporation commissioner to succeed Uncle Tom Lee of Waynesville. Colonel Watt is a bright light, a crackerjack politician and he would make a good run against the Haywood county man, but we have our doubts as to his running.

No doubt a large number of people expressed horror at the action of the Chicago surgeon in allowing the deformed child to die, but how many of them are thinking seriously of alleviating suffering or making it impossible for children to suffer lack of knowledge on the part of parents?

The Record is much beholden to the Newton Enterprise for its interest in the success of this paper. Our Newton friend seldom lets an opportunity pass of putting in a good word for the Hickory daily, a fact that the Record management and friends do not overlook.

It seems that Earl Kitchener's visit to India was premature.

SHOOTING IN WILKES

Further Details of Attack by Blockaders on Mehathey Family

The Statesville Landmark yesterday contained the following in regard to the attack on the Mehathey family in Wilkes county Saturday:

A serious shooting affray, growing out of a blockade distillery raid by Iredell officers, occurred at the home of Mr. W. M. Mehathey, just across the line in Wilkes county, Saturday evening about dark, when the Mehathey family was attacked, it is alleged, by Lee Jarvis, Mont. Parks and Rush Nicholson, all white, who charged the Mehatheys with having reported the whereabouts of a distillery which was destroyed in New Hope township Saturday. Shot guns were used in the battle and it is estimated that a score or more shots were fired. Mr. Elias Mehathey, the aged father of W. M. Mehathey, received a load of shot in his chest, but his heavy clothing prevented the shot from penetrating his body to sufficient depth to cause a serious wound. Mrs. W. M. Mehathey was shot in the foot. Reuel Mehathey, young son of W. M. Mehathey, was shot in the hand, and Lee Jarvis was shot in the thigh and hand. The fact that the shooting was at a long range is probably all that prevented fatalities.

According to the best information obtained by the officers Jarvis Parks and Nicholson opened fire on Mrs. Elias Mehathey without warning when she went out on the porch for some purpose. The aged lady screamed that she was shot and her husband and son hurriedly secured their guns and rushed to the porch. The attacking party opened fire on the Mehatheys and they returned the fire, the battle continuing until Jarvis was shot. When Jarvis received the wounds in the thigh and hand he dropped his gun, which was picked up later by the Mehatheys. When the battle ended it was found that three of the Mehatheys had received slight wounds, as mentioned above. Rush Nicholson is said to have been shot in the arm, but this has not been confirmed as Nicholson, Parks and Jarvis made their escape. Jarvis was taken to his home by his friends and a doctor dressed his injuries. He left home shortly after the doctor finished with him and has since been in hiding. Sheriff Deaton, Deputy C. I. Gilbert and Policeman Fuld of Statesville and Deputy Jones of Sharpesburg spent Sunday afternoon and night assisting the Wilkes officers in the search for Jarvis, Nicholson and Parks, all of whom live in the same neighborhood along the Salisbury and Wilkesboro road, which is the county line between Iredell and Wilkes.

The trouble had its origin in the destruction of a distillery in New Hope township near the Wilkes line, by Sheriff Deaton and Deputies Gilbert and Jones Saturday. There was no fire at the still when the officers arrived, but the fire was burning and it was evident that the place had been deserted only a short time previous. The fact that the cap and worm of the 70-gallon sheet iron still had been removed convinced the officers that the operators had been warned of their approach. Investigation later revealed that a phone message went to the community when the officers left Statesville.

After destroying the still the officers began an investigation and secured evidence against Jo. Nicholson, Sylvester Souther and Lee Jarvis, Sunday morning Sheriff Deaton, his son, Frank Deaton, and Deputy Jones returned to New Hope by automobile and arrested Nicholson, who was brought to Statesville and placed in jail. It was decided to return to New Hope to continue the search for Jarvis and Souther. Sheriff Deaton and Deputy Jones were joined by Deputy Gilbert and Policeman Fuld on the second trip. En route to New Hope the officers heard that another still was in operation not far from the point where the one had been destroyed the day previous. They found the distillery late Sunday afternoon. It was in operation and three men were on the premises, but the blockaders were too fast-footed for the officers and made their escape into the woods. The entire distilling outfit, including a lot of beer, mash, etc., was destroyed.

After putting the second still out of commission the officers continued their search for Jarvis and Souther and succeeded in arresting Souther.

While searching for Jarvis the officers heard of the shooting at the Mehathey home and learned that the Wilkes officers were also searching for Jarvis and his two companions, who aided in the attack on the Mehatheys. The scene of the shooting was visited and the officers of both counties made a systematic search Sunday night for Jarvis, Rush Nicholson and Mont. Parks, but neither was arrested. The Iredell officers returned home yesterday morning.

Jo. Nicholson and Sylvester Souther, who are in jail here, admit that they and Jarvis were the operators of the distillery which was destroyed Saturday. Rush Nicholson and Mont. Parks, who joined Jarvis in the attack on the Mehatheys after the destruction of the distillery, are son and son-in-law respectively of Jo. Nicholson. They charged the Mehatheys with having reported the distillery to the Iredell officers, thus bringing about its destruction.

THIS RED LETTER YEAR FOR STATE'S FARMERS

(Continued From Page 1.)

until he gets so full of enthusiasm or glory that he "busts his stocking heel," yet when he goes home and meets the real condition, he is just where he was before he went to the meeting, or a little further back.

"A community must see it only can elevate itself. You will never elevate any people until you have taught them self respect and shown them their ability to rise. The trouble in the past has largely been that our people were taught that they were ignorant and poor. While the impression upon our people how low they stand in illiteracy, why not tell them that they exceed all the other southern states in what is being done in agricultural advancement in the increased production of the whole crop and upon an acre. Your messenger may be ever so eloquent or learned, but only those of the community who will sympathize with you and are willing to participate will accomplish anything.

It is useless to talk to them about matters in which they are not interested. There are a great many people who think that there is some way or somewhere that they can get some money or property for nothing. They are willing to follow any man that they think is leading in that direction like the negro who was told of the provision in the civil rights bill and said "then he wanted a sack of flour that very minute;" and when the vision of the hour disappears loses interest in the matter. We have got to appreciate the conditions of today and work so as to go on to better things and not jump over the chasm and imagine we are in 1920.

Cash More Important

"The people are awake. They may be illiterate but most of them are not ignorant. Let us meet them where they are and endeavor to lead or accompany them as they advance. Rural credits are important, but rural cash is more important, and when we have more rural cash we can get better systems of rural credit. The trouble in the past and to a large extent in the present is the mortgage on the crop. Until raising a crop on a credit for the supplies to make it, which can be more cheaply raised, is abandoned, there will be no cash and no desirable system of credit."

Statistical Information

"Mr. C. R. Hudson, chief farm demonstration work, at my request, through his county agents, has furnished the following agricultural information:

- "1. No. of acres of land improved or brought into cultivation by means of drainage districts: 45,730 acres.
- "2. No. of acres of new land brought into cultivation during the past twelve months: 32,837 acres.
- "3. Amount of sorghum sirup produced per year: 409,740 gallons. 49 counties grow sorghum.
- "4. No. of farmers who were land owners five years ago, but who are now renters: 120.
- "5. Renters five years ago, but who are now land owners: 2,897.
- "6. Increase in renters due to farmers losing the ownership of lands: 5.
- "7. No. of tenants due to farmers moving away from their farms and turning them over to renters: 25."

Fertilizers

"On account of the scarcity of potash and the high price of nitrogen, fertilizer companies have requested amendment to the law requiring twelve per cent of plant food in all goods. On recommendation of the state chemist and approval of the attorney general, good ten per cent of plant food are permitted, provided the commercial value is equal to that of 8-2-2 goods. The goods can be 5-5, 6-4, 7-3, 8-2, 9-1, provided the value is as stated. Sacks are branded as heretofore: per cent ammonia, phosphoric acid and potash."

PRESS COMMENT

Portrait of a Man.

Raleigh Times.

We give this bit of description to the suffragists who are in the habit of describing the "Lords of Creation" to their disadvantage. It comes from Charity and Children:

"Hon. William Jennings Bryan may be conceived, he may be bull-headed, he may be ambitious—we do not deny any of these charges—but everybody knows that he is every such a man."

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That, said the editor of Charity and Children, is nevertheless to be a MAN.

Hence, dames and damsels of the suffrage, is your picture of the unreasonable male, who votes against the cause.

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What do you think of the example which Editor Johnson sets up for himself, presumably to be followed in most things up to its conceited, bull-headed (and ambitious?) advocacy of Votes for Women?

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