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“TELL THE WORLD”

“Tell the world” is a very suggestive thought, and we might profit by it if we would “tell the world” of the advantages of Camden and our home county. We could hardly exaggerate them for we have so many advantages over other communities. We were somewhat amused a few evenings ago as we were talking with a friend on the street when a stranger drove up in a handsome car, and said: “Excuse me, but is this Camden?” Our friend replied promptly that this was Camden—the Camden that was on the map. To back him up we told him that of the twenty-three Camdens in the United States (there may be more) that this was the best one. He said that he had encountered some difficulty in getting here on account of a detour just east of Camden, and asked, “Why don't you folk build some good roads?” Well, he did not come in contact with any paved roads in this county in driving here from Richmond, Va., but we assured him that this county had the “good roads fever” all right and we were now building them and a few months later when he might be fortunate enough to “blow into” Camden he would find the roads he desired. We are now making fine progress in road building. To emphasize the fact that Camden was on the map our friend told the stranger that some time ago he had been asked a similar question and his reply was that this was really Camden and he was quite sure that this was the original Garden of Eden. The one to whom he thus expressed himself, replied that he did not doubt it, for he “saw the trail of the serpent all over the town.” Our friend said that he did not say any more after that comment, for he “did not know what next to say,” but now he is ready to renew his assertion that in his opinion Camden was the original Garden of Eden. At any rate we have a good town and we are proud of our home community, and don't you fail to say a good word for Camden and Kershaw county for it is merited. Just “tell the world” that we have the best community in the world. Camden holds the Blue Ribbon!

MADE A REGULAR TARGET

Shortly after assuming the duties of his office, Gov. Richards very properly undertook to have the laws enforced, which were on the Statute Books of the state. So far as this applied to the Sunday laws he soon had a man's job on his hands. A good many people as well as a good many of the newspapers, began pouring hot shot into the executive, some of them perhaps not knowing what manner of man he was. They referred to some of the laws he was attempting to enforce, in disdainful terms as “antiquated,” “obsolete” and the like. Some of the writers exhausted their vocabulary in trying to find words that suitably expressed their indignation at the Governor doing what he was sworn to do—to obey the statutes. Under all of this fire, it must be said to his credit that he never lost his head but heved to the line, let the chips fall where they might. Recently he was in Florence and made an address there to an overflowing audience. Many could not get into the hall to hear him. He referred to the fact that he had not had the support of some newspapers in his efforts to enforce the Sunday laws, and then followed by some of the newspapers' additional criticism of the Governor. As we read some of the criticisms we wondered if some of the writers did not know that they opposed the Governor from well nigh every angle they could. The Governor, as we have reason to believe, is perfectly sincere in what he does, and South Carolina would be a better state if he were backed up in his efforts to have all laws enforced instead of opposing him. We admire him because he is the type of man not to flinch when these darts are thrust at him. He has attempted to carry out all of his campaign pledges, which is more than can be said of many candidates, and if his program of economy was carried out there would be substantial benefit to the people of the state. Sometimes we get really amused at the efforts of some to weaken the Governor's influence, but instead of that he will grow stronger and stronger as the people learn the real purposes for which he stands.

His address in Florence was a thoughtful one and the people there gave evidence of their appreciation of Gov. Richards by the large attendance upon the meeting and their com-

ments afterwards. He is making South Carolina a good Governor regardless of the criticisms made of him perhaps from those who cannot control him. Let the pulpit and the press aid him in making South Carolina a better state and conditions will improve.

SOUND AMERICANISM

M. L. Requa who has all his life been an engineer, following development of mining and oil properties, has written the most important book of the year, “Relation of Government to Industry.” He takes up the three favorite economic theories of discussing this problem—paternalism, communism and individualism—presents and answers them.

From two thousand years of political and economic history, he brings out both sides of the problem and reaches very positive conclusions, especially based on experiences in Europe and America. He proves that nearly always when government undertakes to do for the people what they can do for themselves, a conflict arises between selfish interests and the masses in which the more selfish and more highly organized elements have every advantage.

Mr. Requa is a Westerner, and rendered valuable service during the World War. All his statements, statistics and conclusions are backed by verified records, not compiled for political or campaign purposes. This book should be discussed chapter by chapter by the newspapers of Our Country, regardless of politics, to help bring forcefully to the attention of our citizens granite-sound Americanism that has stood the test of world experience.

First, Mr. Requa predicates that all progress and prosperity “is founded upon the desire of mankind for human betterment. Liberty, freedom, the right of the individual to meet his fellow man upon terms of equality.”

Second, that “whenever and wherever sound economics are ignored, the penalty is always paid, the bitter cup of disappointment is always drained to the dregs * * * The right of the individual to labor and reap in full measure the reward of that labor has been productive of the multitude of things that are symbolic of human achievement.”

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FARMERS SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS

The time for planting is now at hand, and on all sides we hear of extensive preparations being made for planting cotton. The sooner it is planted now the better it will likely be. A number of farmers have already begun planting cotton. They should, however, be cautious about this, for they will be sure to have the boll weevils to contend with and possibly the pink boll weevil also. It would be unwise under the circumstances to neglect the feed and food crops. Just remember, farmers, that a boy in York county for three years in succession produced over one hundred bushels of corn to the acre. Can't you do as well as this boy? Then there are so many other crops that can be planted with profit. Not a sufficient amount of hay is produced in this county for the live stock on the farms. Not enough butter is produced to supply the demand. Even chickens and turkeys have been shipped here. There is a wonderful possibility in the cow, hog and hen. While in Kershaw one day last week we went out to the poultry car that was being loaded for shipment north and thought of the wonderful possibilities of the poultry business in our county. We met Mr. Howell, the wide-awake farm agent of Lancaster county, and our own energetic and capable agent, Mr. J. W. Sanders, was there, jointly assisting the farmers dispose of their chickens, and turkeys. There was a good lot loaded at Kershaw. When this shipping of chickens and turkeys first started in this county, we thought that it would have the effect of making poultry scarce here and really work a hardship on local consumers, but we have changed our mind about it. We believe now that it is a fine thing and will serve to greatly stimulate a very profitable business. There is plenty of room for expansion along the line of poultry raising and a great possibility of success. Egg production should not be overlooked for there is always a good market for eggs. There are some few right here in Camden who keep a few hens in their yards who get more eggs than they consume and sell eggs. If the egg production was great enough they could be shipped as well as the poultry.

INDIGNATION THAT WANED ALL TOO QUICKLY

(From The Kershaw Era.)

We clip the following from the Columbia Record. It has reference to an occurrence in the Federal court which was held in Columbia last week:

“A scathing denunciation of bootleggers and customers of those who deal in liquor illegally was pronounced in federal court today by Judge Ernest F. Cochran, following a plea of guilty by John Wannamaker, 84 year old negro, on a charge of storing liquor in violation of the federal statutes.”

Officers who raided Wannamaker's home five miles from Columbia on the bluff road found 864 gallons of liquor in his home and barn, but Wannamaker denied that the liquor was his, stating that a white man had promised to pay him if he would keep the liquor until a later day.

“I have the deepest contempt for a man who will take advantage of an old decrepit man like this in order to ply his illegal traffic in liquor,” said Judge Cochran. “It is low, mean and contemptible, I would sentence the guilty party to the extreme limits of the statutes, even if it were for the remainder of his life.”

“Such things need not be and would not be if the law abiding citizens would offer the right kind of remonstrance. Certain citizens encourage such procedure by their patronage of the bootleggers, but I look at the matter with a spirit of righteous indignation.”

“The scoundrels who do it know that I cannot send such old men as this one to jail or the penitentiary in justice, and until the people wake up to such conditions, there will be little improvement in this country. The courts are powerless to convict, when the man higher up cannot be apprehended.”

Wannamaker was sentenced to a year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, but sentence was suspended during good behavior.”

The foregoing is good, timely and well expressed, but by way of contrast the following light sentences, with a number of others that are not added here because they would take up too much space unnecessarily, seem to indicate a waning indignation, that should have been kept up throughout the entire program of sentencing the bootleggers who plead guilty or were convicted of “plying the illegal traffic in liquor.”

Sylvester Goodwin, indicted on a charge of violation of the national prohibition act, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$100 and ordered confined in the Lexington county jail until the fine is paid.

Arthur Dawkins was fined \$1 on a count charging possession and sentenced to three months in the Charleston county jail following a plea of guilty on a count charging sale of liquor.

“The courts are powerless to convict, when the man higher up cannot be apprehended”, but certainly they are not in position to plead a lack of power in imposing adequate punishment for their guilt when they are present in court and are convicted of the charge, or plead guilty to it.

HE STOLE TEN DOLLARS

The editor of the Waterree Messenger on a recent visit to one of the state farms, which are operated by convict labor, encountered a Negro named Philip Fields, who had already served over 20 years in the penitentiary for house-breaking and larceny, having stolen ten dollars; he was sent up for life from Georgetown county. Editor Birchmore, upon inquiry from the officials found out that this dorky of late years, has been making a good record. He thinks Fields should be pardoned. Breaking into a house in the nighttime is a serious offense, and one who commits such a crime is naturally desperate and would hardly halt at committing murder as well. Still a servitude of more than 20 years is a long, long time for the burglary of \$10. And as the Messenger says, when one considers how lightly bank wreckers get off when they betray their trust and steal thousands and thousands of dollars, it looks as if mercy could be shown this obscure Negro, who grievously sinned, and yet who has already grievously answered for his crimes. Had he the pull and influence of a modern bank wrecker, the chances are 99 out of 100, he would long ago have been outside of the prison bars, or state farm camps. — Spartanburg Journal.

This is a time when farmers should be cautious in pitching their crops to avoid possible breakers ahead. To depend alone on cotton is a risky business. The indications are that a bigger crop than last year will be planted, and if there is a bigger production it is almost certain that there will be a lower price for the staple next fall. We wave the red signal before you, Mr. Farmer, for we are interested in your success, and we do not want to see you take too big a risk.

Senator Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, a Republican possibility for president, died suddenly Friday night just before he was to deliver an address to a large number of his home people. Thus a brilliant life went out and the homage being paid to him was turned into one of grief instead of joy. Senator Willis was only 56 years of age. He died from cerebral hemorrhage.

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Chesterfield to be Well Represented in Cotton Growing Contest

Chesterfield, April 2.—Chesterfield county is going to be well represented again this year in the list of entries in the five-acre cotton contest which is being conducted by the extension forces of Clemson College, Major W. J. Tiller, county agent said today.

P. M. Arant, who won first prize last year is again entering and will attempt to set the pace again for the cotton growers of the state while a number of other progressive farmers of the county are going to compete with him and the hundreds of other growers over the state who are entering.

Major Tiller is rather proud of the showing which his county made last year, when eight contestants from the county produced a total yield of lint cotton on five-acre plots of 32,941 pounds, the average yield of lint cotton for the eight contestants being 823.5 pounds per acre.

This contest, says Major Tiller, has pointed out the fact that it is possible under the proper soil management and fertilizer treatment and with the right variety of cotton to produce large yields of cotton of one inch or better staple.

Mr. Arant, who won the state championship last year, had a yield of 5,857 pounds of lint on five acres. He had 34-inch rows and his cotton was about eight inches in the drill, with one or two stalks to the hill. He used 20 sacks of 16 per cent acid, 30 sacks of 8-4-4, 20 sacks of cotton seed meal, 2 sacks of kanit and 3809 pounds of nitrate of soda as fertilizer on the prize five-acre plot. He applied four side dressings of nitrate of soda to his cotton, being governed by the conditions of the plants as to the amount to be applied each time. The first side dressing of Nitrate of Soda was made after chopping, second side dressing at the first squares, third side dressing at time of first bloom and fourth side dressing at lay-by time.

Chesterfield county expects to be in the running for first prize again this year. The interest in the contest is much greater than last year, and the number entering will be much larger than any previous year.

Revival Meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Broad Street, Rev. J. W. Shaw, Pastor.

Sunday night, April 1, 1928, marked the beginning of the Spring Revival Meeting in the above named church. Rev. S. M. McCallum preached a very inspiring and instructive sermon as the opening sermon. The music led by Mrs. H. B. Reddish, the organist, was in keeping with the modern trend and enjoyed by all. The collection for the evening was \$28.55. The meeting will be continued through the week with several ministers of the city officiating. The public is asked to buy a Boosters Tag from the members and friends which announces the program for the week.

Building up the soil should be the chief out-of-door sport of South Carolina farmers.

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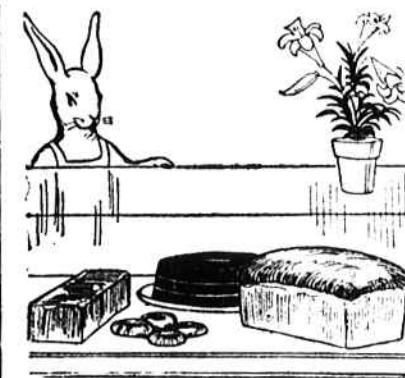
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6:11 A. M.	Florida—Eastern Cities		6:11 A. M.
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