

There is a movement in Maryland to suppress bribery in elections, and two men have been indicted in Dorchester county, for alleged use of money to influence voters in the recent election. One of them is a Sunday School Superintendent and stands high socially and in business circles; the other stands equally as high. If these men are guilty, it is a sad commentary upon the morality of that community. That men would pass the plate around at church and sit in the front pew and say long prayers, and yet resort to buying votes, is scarcely to be believed. It may be that people of that kind are unconscious of their inconsistency, and in many instances, no doubt are, but in the opinion of some people it is on a par with horse-stealing and sheep-stealing. It is a blow at the right of self-government; it is degrading to our citizenship and to our manhood. It is excused sometimes because it is said that it is a necessary practice in order to defeat the efforts of the opposition. This is a poor argument. You might as well say that the poor thief who steals to support his family is the victim of a long established practice because others have stolen before he stole. Everybody knows that it is wrong to buy votes; and everybody knows that it is a dangerous and detestable practice. It should be stopped, but it never can be stopped until a healthier public sentiment prevails in localities where it exists. No man has any right or any excuse to engage in such practice, and every man who does so should be punished. Because others have violated the law in this way is no reason or excuse that any one should go unpunished. Thousands of men carry concealed weapons, steal and engage in various species of false pretence, but these are not used as an argument for excusing those who are indicted for these well known offences.

It is said that at last the Administration at Washington is going to take up the charges against Federal officials in North Carolina for their pernicious activity in politics. Members of the Civil Service Commission will go to Greensboro and Raleigh to make investigations. It is said that the Commission intends to make a thorough investigation and it is expected that some of the Federal officials in the State will lose their jobs. There will be some rattling around about Greensboro and Raleigh and in some other towns and villages if the Commission goes to the bottom of things. The Republicans in the State who made sport of Senator Simmons' charges during the campaign will, no doubt, find out that the matter is more serious than they thought it would be. There was gross violation of the law on the part of many Federal officeholders of the smaller "fry" in this section and especially in this county. If the Commission desires the information there will be no trouble in getting it.

Ex-Judge T. B. Womack, of Raleigh, has an excellent article in the December number of World's Work on "State Ownership and Operation of Railroads in North Carolina." He gives the history of the State ownership and operation of the North Carolina Railroad and also of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. He shows clearly that with the lights before us it is impracticable in North Carolina for the State to own and operate railroads.

Your Taxes.

Some sheriffs in some counties have to borrow money every year out of the bank to meet the school vouchers. Such is not the case in this county, because the people have, as a rule, paid their taxes promptly; but there is a disposition among many to delay the matter of paying

their taxes. Every one who can should meet the sheriff at his appointments and pay the taxes now due.

The habit of making deposits in the bank forms a tendency to save money, and also places it where in case of fire or robbery of your home, your money is safe. An old man in this county less than a year ago had stolen from him the savings of a life-time. If he had placed his money in a bank this could have been avoided.

It is a fine record that Mr. Henry Caviness, the retiring chairman of the board of County Commissioners, has made. While he has been chairman of the Board many thousand dollars has been expended in public improvements, such as the building of bridges, working the public roads, etc. and yet there is more money in the treasury now here than at any time within the knowledge of any man now living. Mr. Caviness and his associates have made an excellent record.

Ramsour Items.

Miss Georgia Luther is spending a few days in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Marley spent last Sunday with relatives at Cedar Falls.

The teachers of our graded school attended the meeting of the Randolph County Teacher's Association held at Asheboro last Saturday. We are pleased to know that the Association will meet in Ramsour soon.

Messrs. A. B. Covington and J. D. Leonard went to Greensboro last week to represent the Ramsour Baptist Church at the meeting of the Baptist State Convention.

The Sunday School of the M. E. church will celebrate Christmas this year with a Christmas tree.

Mr. E. J. Steed killed a pig last week that weighed 367 pounds.

Mrs. Jno. D. Williams had the misfortune to have her left thumb severely mashed in a door last week.

Mr. M. F. Burgess cut his left knee very painfully last week while chopping wood.

Messrs. Watkins and Kimrey are handling a large quantity of fine lumber. They run a large mill at Coleridge.

Mr. E. C. Watkins was in Washington City last week and made a contract with S. R. R. Company for a large lot of R. R. material. Parties in need of lumber of any kind would do well to consult Messrs. Watkins and Leonard.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Leana Smith, daughter of Mrs. M. G. Smith, to Mr. Numa Franklin Marsh, in the Methodist Church at Ramsour, December 19th, 1906 at 8 o'clock p. m.

Rev. C. A. Wood preached two very earnest and forceful sermons from his pulpit in the M. E. church last Sunday.

Davidson Items.

J. W. Parks, who bought out Chas. Helmstetter, at Lexington, will add to the stock on hand, and will carry dry goods and fancy groceries. Mr. Parks comes from Pisgah, in Randolph county, near which place he has been engaged in the mercantile business.

Prof. Ledford held the last of his teachers' meetings yesterday at Piney school house, for Boone and Tyro townships. Of the eighty odd teachers in the county, only three have failed to attend these meetings. The schools are starting up nicely and the prospects are good for a profitable year.

The board of education met Saturday and ordered some claims paid, attachments made and one new school house built, in district 5, Conrad Hill. Several new committeemen were appointed: J. H. Curry instead of S. W. Davis, deceased, No. 1, Abbots Creek; J. B. Swain instead of A. A. Moore, No. 5, Abbots Creek; Henry Mans, Enmons No. 1; J. W. Hartley and D. W. Barnes, No. 5, Boone; D. T. Leach instead of W. T. Metters, No. 5.

Pointed Paragraphs.

In football it's a touchdown; in matrimony it's a shakedown.

Life is not worth living unless you live for the good you can do.

The less husbands and wives have to say about jealousy the better.

Women always consider it an unfair advantage for a pretty widow to have curly hair.

The only kind of spelling that would suit the average person would be to let him spell it any way he pleased.

What a woman likes about her husband being sick is how people ought to say what a devoted nurse she is to him.

COW HORN TURNIP

Has Been Used With Benefit For Changing Soil Texture.

Much has been said of the cow horn turnip as a soil improver, or, rather, ameliorator, as it is supposed to benefit more by changing the soil texture than by bringing in new fertilizing material, like clover and other legumes. It will grow in unproductive clay soils and bores deep into the ground, opening up by its decay in winter the deeper compact layers and adding a most appreciable amount of humus. The seeds are commonly sown with crimson clover in August or September in corn or on fields that might otherwise remain bare through winter. It has been used in this manner with perceptible benefit on Hope farm and in thousands of other trials throughout the country.

A Handy Plant.

In bringing a newly purchased addition into cultivation we concluded to use this handy plant. The plot was deeply plowed in June, after the evergreen nursery that had occupied it many years had been removed, and twice harrowed at intervals of a fortnight to kill sprouting weeds and drag off the numerous roots. A portion was planted with late table corn, fertilizing with hen manure in the hill. Crimson clover and cow horn turnips at the rate of four ounces turnip to fifteen pounds clover seed were sown on the remainder Aug. 10, working it in with an ordinary cultivator.

Mixed seeds.

Mixed seeds were later sown in the same proportion at the last working of the corn in September. We tried to sow the clover at the rate of fifteen pounds to the acre and secured a thick stand for soil in such poor condition. There was abundance of rain, enabling the clover to smother the turnips almost completely in the early sowing, but in the corn there was a good stand, entirely covering the clover in many places.—Rural New Yorker.

Magnolia Peas.

As to the Magnolia pea, a writer in Home and Farm says:

It originated, I believe, in Georgia. An orchard of Magnolia peas will come into bearing as soon as or perhaps sooner than an Elberta peach orchard. The Magnolia is equal to the old reliable Keffler, I think, in every respect, and the fact that it matures later, that it is larger and handsomer in color, makes it more valuable in these respects. When fully ripe the flavor is on a par with the Keffler, but when not fully ripe is perhaps a little coarser.

From a commercial standpoint many who are in a position to know have already asserted that it is more valuable for the south than any pea yet introduced. Although it has been introduced several years, it seems that but few nurseries have it, and those few have but a limited supply of the young trees, but it is not extra hard to propagate.

Ditches on Uneven Land.

It often happens that a farm is more or less cut up by ravines or depressions which intersect or separate fields and the supply ditches have to be extended across these low places. This is usually done in one of three ways. When the depression is not more than a few feet deep levees are built on each side. In other cases flumes are built on grade from side to side, and lastly the water may be carried across in a pipe laid in the form of an inverted siphon. The earth levee is the cheapest, but it is subject to leaks and washouts for the first few years. The wooden flume answers the purpose fairly well, but it is subject to early decay, and the clay or cement pipe laid beneath the surface, although dearer at first cost, is really the cheapest in the end.

Benefits of Railroad Building.

More miles of railroad will probably be constructed in this State during the next year than ever before in any one year. There was a very interesting editorial a few days ago in The News and Observer that mentioned a large number of railroads now under construction and others that are projected. They are not limited to any particular part of the State, but scattered all over the State, and, of course, will add greatly to the development of the sections traversed by them. The benefits to be derived from the construction of so many railroads will be of almost incalculable value, and the present work of constructing them puts in circulation large sums of money, because high wages are paid the laborers and the roads are constructed at heavy expense.—Chatham Record.

Mr. Blair With Mattocks Bros.

Mr. Roland E. Blair, one of High Point's best known Salesmen, is now at this place to show you one of the newest, swellest and cheapest lines of clothing you ever saw.

Don't forget Mattocks Bro., High Point, N. C., is the place. Furnishings for men, women and children.

Mr. Ferd Ingold, who is now in the home office of the High Point Live Stock Insurance Company, was in Asheboro Tuesday for a few hours.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

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Beautiful shirtwaist pins in sets of two and three at N. P. Cox. See them.

WANTED STAVES—Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of staves for Norfolk market. Apply to E. A. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

FURS, FURS, FURS—Mink No. 1, small \$3.00, Medium \$3.50, Large \$4.00. You will not see this paid by any one else than J. D. PAYNE, Burlington, N. C.

The latest hair ornaments can be found at N. P. Cox jewelry store.

Buy CUT GLASS, RODGER'S SILVER, and HAND PAINTED CHINA for Christmas and wedding presents at McCrory-Redding HARDWARE COMPANY.

FOR SALE—A house and lot near Academy. Good neighborhood. Terms reasonable. For particular call at Courier Office.

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Beautiful line of rings, watches, watch fobs, bracelets, chains, etc. for Xmas and birthday gifts at N. P. Cox.

SALE OF LOTS—One good storehouse and lot on South Fayetteville street, building 1624; also three building lots 50x150 feet on Sunset Avenue. Call on or address, O. E. RICH, Asheboro, N. C.

Select line of collar buttons, cuff buttons and scarf pins for Xmas remembrance at N. P. Cox, jeweler.

FOR SALE 100 acres of timbered land, one mile Northwest of Asheboro (Rosa tract) adjoining Spencer and Brown. Send me cash offers.

Nathaniel H. Myers, Kent's Store, Virginia.

See J. M. Rich's large exhibit of Gold Fish, which will be placed in the show window of the Standard Drug Co. December 18th. These will make one of the most beautiful Xmas presents to be had.

FOR RENT—Nice 5-room cottage on North Fayetteville Street. Apply to J. G. MILLER, Asheboro, N. C.

I have for a client \$500 or \$600 to loan on a good real estate mortgage for 10 months. See me at once. J. A. SPENCE.

NOTICE.

Pay Your Town Tax And Save Cost.

I wish to call attention to the fact that the time for the volunteer payment of town taxes expired the first of Dec. Those who failed to pay prior to the above date should not expect me to look them up, but should make immediate payment, and thereby save the unpleasant duty of collecting by district.

W. A. BUNCL, Town Tax Collector.

Dec. 12, 1906.

Timber For Sale.

Timber for sale in large bodies for parties here write: E. AUMAN, Real Estate Agt., Greenville, S. C.

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