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STATE CONVENTION

HELD IN RALEIGH ON THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK.

Endorses Hon. F. M. Simmon's Record in National Affairs—Fight in Race for Lieutenant Governor.

The State Convention which convened in Raleigh on Thursday of last week was one of the most harmonious held in the State in some time. There were only two actual contests and they were settled with the best of feelings existing between all concerned. The convention unanimously passed a resolution paying tribute to the late Hon. Chas. B. Aycock and endorsed the record of the Democratic party in all its past records, including the record of Senator Simmons in the United States Senate. On his last question a fight was made by the friends of Governor Kitchin, which was begun by a minority report from the committee room being offered by Mr. J. S. Manning of Durham, Hon. Claude Kitchin brother of the Governor, and Mr. R. S. Neil, of Beaufort. The minority report was lost by an overwhelming vote of 598.17 to 263.68 and the former resolution carried in the midst of a howling applause. The following state officers were nominated, only those for Lieutenant Governor and Corporation Commissioners being opposed:

Governor, Locke Craig of Buncombe. Lieutenant Governor, E. L. Daught-ridge of Edgecombe.

Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes of Pitt.

Treasurer, B. R. Lacy of Wake.

Attorney General, T. W. Bickett of Franklin.

Commissioner of Labor and printing, M. L. Shipman of Henderson.

Commissioner of Agriculture, W. A. Graham of Lincoln.

Auditor, W. P. Wood of Randolph.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner of Guilford.

Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, W. A. Hoke of Lincoln and Geo. H. Brown of Beaufort.

Corporation Commissioner, short term, E. L. Travis of Halifax.

Corporation Commissioner, long term, Geo. P. Pell, of Forsythe.

A Noble Church and A Great Pastor

Because it is meet to give a meed of praise where and when it is deserved and because a genuine example of thorough success in church work always acts as a stimulant to the toilers whose task is kingdom-building for God and puts cheer in their hearts and iron in their blood, I desire to speak of the notable work of the First Baptist Church of Sherman and its honored pastor, Rev. Forrest Smith. I take the liberty of speaking of these two mighty kingdom factors and forces because, being a very close neighbor, I know them and I know that their manifold labors of love, fellowship liberality and progress ought to go out to the uttermost ends of the earth as a distinct inspiration to others who also toil and abide in good works.

The suggestion for this communication came into my mind by a close consideration of the recent most wonderful series of revival services through which the Sherman church has passed and which the pastor did the entire preaching for three weeks. Mr. Robert Jolly of Kentucky, a versatile man of gifts and a gospel singer of unusual charm and power, directed the music in the meeting for two weeks and then hurried to Alabama for engagements in that state. The crowds that thronged the old Sherman First church more than taxed the building, and the interest was keen and the blessings rich and abundant up to the last service. This is a living illustration of pastoral evangelism. Sherman has had some of the greatest evangelists and pastors of the country in revivals campaigns in past years, but the entire community agrees in saying that this meeting beats anything they have ever experienced. And the pastor did all the preaching, and that too, after a continuous pastorate of nine years—a significant suggestion to many pastors throughout the whole land!

Forrest Smith landed in Sherman, September 1, 1902, to accept a call extended by the First Church to become their pastor and in every sense he has "made good." He came from a successful work as pastor at Louisburg, N. C.—He is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Southwestern University of Jackson and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. He also wears with great fitness and dignity a "D.D." from Southwestern. He is much less than half a century of age

and is one of the best and most favorably known pastoral leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention. He is in constant demand for sermons on commencement and various other special occasions, and for revival work. He receives many flattering calls to other fields and a large and splendid Southern College has recently made heavy pull to secure him as President, but to all he gives a resolute negative answer and finally sets his heart upon the work in Sherman and in Texas. When Bro. Smith came to Sherman the church had a membership of 300 and paid their pastor \$1500 per annum—now, at the close of nearly nine years service, the church has a membership of 1100 and pays the pastor a salary of \$3000 per annum, having increased the salary of Bro. Smith five successive times.

What is the secret of this wonderful success? I would say first and foremost a consecrated church, in strong and beautiful unity, working together for God's glory. It would be difficult to find a more unified church atmosphere than the one at Sherman. It is a church that magnifies prayer and has a holy passion for lost souls. In the recent great revival at least one hundred men and women did great personal work in soul winning every day. It is a church with a big heart and a broad vision and a hand of sympathy and support for every portion of God's world and work. Missions is no side issue in the Sherman church.

Bro. Smith is an organizer of marvelous insight, skill and power. He has every member of his church at something all the time. He does not have a church to work at but a church at work.

Forrest Smith has a burning passion for usefulness and is one of the most humble and modest men in the world. He literally practices the scriptural injunction "in honor preferring one another." He is Vice President of the State Board of Missions; member of Board of Directors of Baptist Standard; Moderator of Grayson County Missionary Association and one of the wisest and best counselors on church and denominational work in the country. There is not a great cause or church he could not serve, there is not a little weak church or man that he would not gladly help.

He planned and launched two city missions in Sherman which have proved successful to the highest degree; he inaugurated a Sunday school campaign which increased the membership 400 per cent; he organized a Baraca Class and taught it for a long period of time, which class is now presided over by Mr. Joe Etter as teacher and has a resident membership of 125.

The noble First Church of Sherman is now face to face with the great and glorious task of erecting a magnificent church building and temple for the praise of God. It is already an assured fact that within a brief time work will commence on such a house to cost something like \$75,000. The revival they have just had emphasized the imperative demand for larger and more commodious quarters for the work and worship of the Lord. To increase an already large membership by 122 additions in one short meeting and to be constantly receiving new members into the family of believers is calculated to crowd a church into a larger home. I have written these hurried words about my cherished friend, Bro. Smith, and his noble church and I believe the brotherhood at large will enjoy knowing what the modest pastor at Sherman is doing and I hope he will not be too shocked by my daring to speak of him in the public prints—By E. P. West in Baptist Standard, Dallas Texas.

It will be remembered that Mr. Smith was a former resident of Louisburg, being pastor of the Baptist church here, and he still has many friends here who will read the above with much interest.

To Be Congratulated.

The ladies of the Betterment League are to be congratulated for the changes they are bringing about in the improved appearance of our streets. On Church street they not only took hold in cleaning the street but took hold and done a large portion themselves. They deserve the praise of the town officials as their work has added much to the looks of the town.

Goes to Warren

Mr. John R. Wiggins left Wednesday for Warrenton where he has accepted a position as Superintendent of Roads of the township in which Warrenton is situated. Mr. Wiggins is a good road man and will no doubt give the Board of Trustees of that township splendid service. His experience has been such that especially fits him for such a place.

LOUISBURG TO HAVE MARKET HOUSE

Ordinance Passed at Special Meeting Wednesday Afternoon

RECOGNIZED IMPORTANT FORWARD MOVE FOR LOUISBURG

The Law Provides for Each Dealer in Fresh Meats, Fish Etc. to Occupy Stall in Such Market Place—Citizens of the Town May Feel Easier About Sanitary Conditions

The Board of Town Commissioners at their meeting on last Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, pursuant to a call issued for the purpose, added another paragraph to the history of Louisburg that will be read with much interest and that will reflect much credit upon the Board. The fight for an up-to-date sanitary market house for Louisburg has been waged for nearly two years and was finally crowned with success on last Wednesday afternoon when the board passed an ordinance providing for such a market house. This establishment will be continually under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of Health and the Chief of Police, who will set under a market house committee composed of members of the Board. These precautions, together with the plans upon which it is to be fitted up will ensure the people of Louisburg and surrounding territory who have to purchase beef and fish of sanitary and healthful conditions. It is an action that will beneficially affect more of our citizens than any other measure now under consideration and

the Board should receive the hearty endorsement and encouragement of every individual in this vicinity.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in special session, pursuant to a call, on Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, with Commissioners Ford, McKinnis, Hicks and Joyner present. The Board was called to order by Clerk Davis, in the absence of the Mayor, and upon motion of Commissioner Hicks, Commissioner McKinnis was elected Mayor pro tem, after which business proceeded as follows:

Commissioner Joyner offered an ordinance relative to establishing a market house for Louisburg, which after only a short discussion was unanimously passed and made a law. This ordinance makes provision for all the necessary material with which to make it thoroughly sanitary, and will be found in another column. As the Board was called together to consider this question and the business was transacted it adjourned.

A Mistake to Change.

We publish below a portion of Mr. S. F. Austin's letter published in the Nashville Graphic the past two weeks. It received so many compliments upon its first publication that the second insertion was granted. Mr. Austin by the way, is one of Nash county's best and most successful lawyers and business men and is held in exceptionally high respect by the public generally for his wisdom and correctness of thought. The portion of his communication that we make room for is as follows:

As I see it, without disparaging the ability, integrity and honor of either of the other two candidates, Senator Simmons by reason of his experience, long service and high standing in the Senate and the high esteem in which he is held by his colleagues in that body, is in better position and better qualified to give us effective service than either of the other two gentlemen. While we may disagree with him in some minor things, we must all admit he has made an able and faithful servant in the past; that he stands high in the estimation of his party colleagues and that they do not question his democracy is shown by the important committee assignments; and their faith in his ability as a leader and organizer of men is shown by their making him floor leader in the tariff legislation now going on.

It looks now that we will have a Democratic administration after the next election. If North Carolina shall return Hon. F. M. Simmons to the Senate she will be a power through him in shaping the laws of the administration. He has ever been faithful to the call and voice of the people in the past. The exigencies of the hour; the critical situation now confronting us demands that we exercise thought and wisdom; that we keep Senator Simmons in the United States Senate. He is well broke to harness and pulls true for the interest of the people, and at this stage of the situation it would be nothing short of a serious setback to the State, the South and the nation to retire him. Especially is this true and should impress itself upon the people of the county and State in the event we have a Democratic victory in November. Even though the Democrats should fail to gain control of national affairs in November, by reason of his high standing, influence and power in the Senate where he is now a recognized leader, Senator Simmons can and will command a greater power and give us more effective service than any other man the State might supplement him with.

As a North Carolinian I am proud of the administration of Governor Kitchin. I admire him as a man and have confidence in him as a public officer. The same is true of Judge Clark. I consider he has not a peer in the point of service, character and intellect in the State. He has served the State well and faithfully, but by reason of former service and experience I think Senator Simmons can and will give the most effective service. What reason can either Gov. Kitchin or Judge Clark have for making a change? They all stand

for the same fundamental principles of democracy. Can they assure the people of more capable, devoted and effective service than Senator Simmons has given? What assurance have we that either of these gentlemen, able though they be, can, under the circumstances, give as good service, especially for the next ten years, and by that time some one else would want the place for the same reason they wish it now. As I see it, the only reason that has or can be given for making a change is that Gov. Kitchin and Judge Clark want the job. That being true, why not do like F. B. Robbins did when he was opposing Sheriff Johnston; tell the people that "Senator Simmons is a nice man, capable officer and has performed his great duties well, but we want the honorable office he is filling." This is a nice reasoning for the man who wants the place, but we have already suffered too much in the past by making changes too often; about the time a man through service gets in position to give good service turn him out and put in a new man. So far as influence and recognition are concerned, a new man, however capable, just as well be at home the first term or two as a rule.

North Carolina cannot afford to make a change in its representative men, especially at a time when such a change would be a set-back years would be required, if ever, to gain the prestige now enjoyed and which, if uninterrupted, is destined to expand.

Senator Simmons' loyalty to his State, to his party, his Democracy and his ability as a leader of men, as one who does and causes things to be done, cannot be questioned, and by no manner of reasoning am I able to determine why such a man as this statesman and patriot should be retired from serving at a time when neither of his opponents could take up his ermine just where he lays it down. North Carolina cannot afford to make the sacrifice to satisfy the personal ambitions of any man.

SAMUEL F. AUSTIN,
Nashville, N. C., May 29th, 1912.

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Perry

On the evening of June 6th, 1912, there "entered into rest" the spirit of Mrs. Elizabeth Goe Perry, widow of the late Mr. Joshua Perry of this county. Mrs. Perry was most admired and loved by those who knew her best. The writer, not having seen her for many years, remembers her for her beauty of face and for the brightness and charm of her manners. Cordial and hospitable it was always a pleasure to meet her, and you never left her presence without the memory of some bright pleasant word. She was the daughter of the late Charles Goe, and was born in 1834. In 1861 she was married to Mr. Joshua Perry and to this union there were given four children; Elijah Perry, Oliver Perry, Mrs. Sidney Alexander and Mrs. — — — — —. Wheeler, her oldest son being the only one to survive his mother. To him in his loneliness and grief the sympathies of his many friends

are most sincerely extended.

About two years ago Mrs. Perry suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered. For all these long dreary months she has borne with patience and resignation the bitter trial of being a helpless invalid. With the companionship of her son and her nurse and the relatives and friends who visited her, she lived in her beautiful old home, the home in which she had known all the joys of wife and mother, and where she had borne the sorrows of her widowhood. And the pang which only a mother's heart can feel when she has to yield to the "Great Conqueror" the dearest treasures

"In the white court beyond the stars,
The noblest brow is seamed with scars;
And they on earth who've wept the most
Sit highest of the heavenly host."
If this be true, Heaven's brightest and best must be her portion.

Telephone Changes.

A number of men arrived the past week to begin work on the remodeling and renewing the Louisburg Telephone Exchange. They have secured rooms over P. S. & K. K. Allen's store where they will locate the new central—discontinuing the use of the old one. In this they will install one of the very latest and best systems and the people of Louisburg may expect to be second to none in respect to telephone facilities in a few weeks. The exact details of the work have not been given out yet, but the fact that the improvements will be made immediately is assured.

Excursion to Norfolk.

The Seaboard Air Line announces its first excursion of the season to Norfolk for June 18th, next Tuesday. It will leave here on Tuesday at 11:30 and return on Train No. 93 on the night of June 20th arriving in Norfolk on the Shoofly on Friday morning. The rates are from Louisburg \$3.00, Franklinton \$2.75, Youngsville \$3.00. Everybody is invited to go and a big time is in store for all. Louisburg people will be interested in this date as it is the time set for the opening of Virginia Bay Hotel by Mr. J. A. Tucker.

Opening German.

The new Panacea hotel will give its formal opening german on Saturday evening, June 15th, when all privileges of the hotel will be extended complimentary to the guests, and the dancers of Louisburg are especially invited. The management will serve a buffet banquet complimentary to the dancers. We expect a large attendance from the cotillon and german clubs of all nearby towns and cities and are glad to say that our orchestra has proved itself to be excellent and our new ball room could not be improved upon. The opening of the new Panacea hotel on June 1st was quite a success and all our guests seem highly pleased with the new additions and improvements made on this famous resort in the past three months.

Runaway.

On Sunday afternoon the horse being driven by Mr. W. H. Harris became frightened at an automobile just outside of town on the Tarboro road and ran away throwing Mr. Harris and his sister, who was accompanying him, out of the buggy. As best we can learn there was no damage, save a few bruises, but created much excitement as it appeared to be serious at first. We learn that there is no blame attached to the automobile party as they were very considerate and also the horse had passed several machines that day without paying any attention to them.

The Dog.

It seems that since our last issue a strict search through the laws has revealed the fact that there is no existing general law to the effect that a person has the right to kill another person's dog while on his property. This law was greatly discussed and possibly made a law for some local county during the recent legislature. At any rate the intention of it was to protect sheep raisers and to discourage the raising of the worthless breed of dogs that the public is so much troubled with. In reality it is hardly reasonable to believe that the law would uphold a person for killing a valuable dog any more than anything else of recognized value. In Louisburg there are a number of dogs that are a trouble and nuisance to everybody else, and we can't see but what they are to their owners, and should be either killed or their owners forced to keep them up. Usually it is the common sorry breed of dogs that cause the most of the trouble, the higher breed generally being of less trouble, whether through natural instinct or better attention we can't say. However in any instance the laws should protect the citizens from the nuisance of the common (loafing) dog.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

Mr. R. F. Fuller left Tuesday for Richmond to purchase horses.

Mrs. G. L. Aycock is visiting her people at Norfolk, Va.

Miss Lizzie Houston, of Monroe, is visiting Miss Eleanor Cooke.

Mrs. J. A. Harris left Thursday to visit her people in Vance county.

Mrs. R. H. Young, of Navasota, Texas, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Mustian.

Miss Francis Lacy, of Raleigh, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Y. McAden.

Miss Leah Perry, of Henderson, is visiting Mrs. Judge C. M. Cooke this week.

Dr. H. G. Perry, who is taking a course in medicine in Baltimore is at home to spend vacation.

Miss Leona Lamberton, of Greenville, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Crowell.

Mr. D. W. Spivey and bride returned Tuesday from their bridal tour through the northern cities.

Rev. C. D. Malone, of Chocowinity, is spending several days with his brother, Dr. J. E. Malone.

Mrs. Belle Starke and daughter Miss Erwin, of Oxford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. S. Davis at the college.

Mrs. Ed Joyner, who has been visiting Mrs. J. W. Mustian, returned this week to her home at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Ida Tucker, who has been visiting Mrs. J. W. Mustian, returned the past week to her home in Portsmouth.

Mrs. B. W. Brown and little daughter, Dera, of Spring Hope, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Caddie V. Strickland.

Mayor B. T. Holden left Tuesday to take Mrs. Holden to a hospital in Richmond for treatment. They were accompanied by Dr. R. F. Yarborough.

Miss Pauline Smith left this week for Greenville, where she will take a two months' course at the East Carolina Teachers Training School.

Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, Misses Grace Hall and Edna Allen and Mr. C. C. Hudson left Tuesday for Dunn to attend Convention of the Baptist Young Peoples Union.

Home Water Works

Probably the greatest single benefit that could come to the average farm woman would be the installation of a good water-works system. The cost is very much less than the average farmer imagines and the benefits from it very much greater. Farm papers from time to time have published plans for home water works and The Progressive Farmer has recently asked the National Department of Agriculture to provide free bulletins on the subject. Let the farmer who has been bringing water from a distant spring, get out a pencil and paper, put down the distant in feet or yards, multiply it by the number of tips he must make on an average day and multiply again by 365—and he will realize how many hundreds of miles he has traveled in the course of a year, and how many days work are required for getting an inadequate water supply for the house. A good water-work system would not only save all this time and labor, but afford one of the greatest advantages of city life by providing water in all parts of the house. Every farmer who has a proper regard for the welfare of the woman he has chosen for his wife, therefore, and who can possibly afford it, should set about installing an adequate water-works system—The Progressive Farmer.

The Unearned Increment Tax

It is also but just for a government to levy a tax on the unearned increment on land—that is to say, on the increase in value of farm and city land, mines, water-powers, and all other natural resources, where such increase is due not to the industry and genius of the owner but solely to the increase in population and the advance in civilization. As the writer advocated in his recent address on Dr. Knapp, land holdings valued at less than \$1,000 should probably be exempt. Such a tax should also be graduated, with a view to taxing most heavily large land holdings owned by single individuals, and encouraging, on the other hand, the ownership of homes and small tracts by the masses of people.—Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farmer.