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A. F. JOHNSON,  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of December 1913.  
W. E. UZZELL, N. P.  
My commission expires December 7, 1913.

Do your shopping early—don't wait for the holidays.

It's quite a blow to our neighboring town of Oxford that it must lose the Horner School.

Are you ready for Christmas? Its coming just the same and not paying much attention to the speed limit requirements.

Cotton sold in Louisburg on Tuesday for 13 1-2 cents per pound. This represented a rise of about 1-4 of a cent a pound from Thursday of last week.

About the most serious defect in the construction of man today is the feature allowing him to give consideration to personalities in questions of public service.

Lets don't have any argument over votes for women. There is no doubt that there are many men who would gladly hand their privilege over to them—especially when there is a red hot primary between two friends.

The train due to come into Louisburg at 10:20 o'clock Monday morning reached here at almost 12 o'clock. This isn't so much a matter of the main line trains being late as it the crew on this branch being overworked, as the failure to make schedules is a very common occurrence.

It has come to a pretty pass that some men can't have self-respect enough to refrain from cursing, ladies. During the past two weeks this act has been made twice. A man is getting pretty low when he resorts to such measures and especially when he shows his cowardice by using a telephone.

Sundays dispatches carried the intelligence that Mr. S. E. Pierce had been appointed postmaster for Youngs ville. Mr. Pierce is a staunch Democrat and is one of Youngsville's most prominent men, and there is no doubt but that his appointment will be a popular one. He succeeds Dr. P. K. Hatch, republican.

We don't honestly believe any man, who will take the time to honest consider the degrading effect upon himself will enter into any factional fight of any kind. It breeds ill will and bad thoughts of his fellow man, and in most cases exaggerated to a state of untruth, and such conditions have no place in the mind of a normal man.

We notice the women of Washington City are conducting a boy-cot on the egg market. We are having no such experience here—its the hens. If there can't be some agreeable means of settlement devised many of our people will miss their Christmas egg-nog, and it will not be a case where the credit can be given to the prohibition law either.

A gentleman on the local cotton market Tuesday to the editor of the TIMES that he carried a bale of cotton to an adjoining market on Saturday and had to take 11.62 1-2 for it, when if he had brought it to Louisburg on Tuesday he could have gotten 13 cents for it. Why should people allow a little skepticism enter between them and the opportunity of getting more for their crops.

It is too often the case that some people get the idea that public office belongs to them. This is not true. They are always open to anyone who wishes to run and whether you like the successful contestant or not it is no reason that he should not fill the place. At the same time it might be remembered that there is no wisdom displayed in throwing out a good official

simply upon the ground that some other good man wants the job.

Change of Parcel Post Rates.  
(Concluded.)

since the establishment of the parcel post service, as the present restrictive limit and rates on books are prohibitive to a great extent except in the case of catalogues" and that it was "not deemed advisable to place the order changing the classification of books in effect January 1 as it was desired to give at least three months' notice to firms whose catalogues were now being printed.

Free Seed.

The Secretary of Agriculture, in his annual report, advocates the abolition of the free seed distribution by members of Congress.

This seed distribution has long been regarded as an extravagant waste of money and a senseless draft upon the public treasury that is unwarranted by any possible benefit to the people.

Each year members of Congress send out tons upon tons of seed, done up in trifling sample lots that are of no practical value to anybody except to the Congressmen who get possibly some appreciation from constituents who are thus remembered, even though what they get is useless.

Free seed is one of the petty relics of a day that is gone in politics and the present Congress should cut it out forever.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

Own Telegraph and Telephones.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines is being seriously considered by President Wilson. Conferences between the President and Postmaster General Burleson have led to a gathering of information about practical working of government ownership in those nations where such a system is in operation. The subject will be discussed in the Postmaster General's annual report, though it is not assured that he will make any positive recommendations.

Though bills have been drafted looking to government ownership, none has been agreed upon as an administration measure.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Burleson today "that the inauguration of the parcel post and the postal savings system has given a tremendous impetus to the desire of people all over the country to have the government become the means of communication everywhere. It is a subject involving two or three hundred million dollars and we must go very slowly in inquiring into it. I don't want to make any recommendations until I am absolutely sure of my ground."

It is said that the plan will not meet the unanimous approval of President Wilson's cabinet. It is believed in official circles Attorney General McReynolds, for one would show his aversion to such a plan. Within the next few weeks, the Department of Justice will announce its own plan for relief in conditions accompanying in-state telephone business. The Attorney General and G. T. Todd, the assistant in charge of trust prosecutions have been seeking to work out with officials of the American Telephone Company plans which they hold will avoid any necessity for talked of litigation in the courts, but which will relieve the situation. One suit against the Pacific coast arm of this concern is already in the United States courts, and pending its determination, the department has not been anxious to begin further litigation.

In his dealings in this case, Attorney General McReynolds has followed his conviction that it is better for his department to get so called trusts to agree to his terms after a few weeks of friendly conference than to take it into the courts and await for several years before securing anything at all with the possibility always of losing everything.

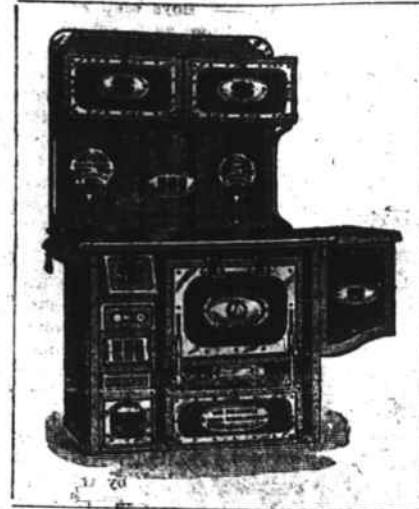
Callers who, have discussed questions of regulation of trusts with Mr. McReynolds, are of the opinion that he believes the Sherman act a sufficiently powerful weapon with which to better conditions. They understand his position to be that it is better to break up a combine so there shall be competition; that if that can't be done, it is better to regulate it, fix its prices, and if that is not possible then competition; and if that can't be acquire the offending trust and run it under the government's protecting wing.

"Stories of the Old Child" is a new sort of holiday publication just issued as a supplement to the Child Labor Bulletin. The first "story" is a play and three or four poems. The "other child" is made vivid to the reader in these twenty "stories" told by writers who have touched the heart and the tragedy of the child labor problem. It is an attractive little book in magazine form with illustrations and the National Child Labor Committee, (105 East 22d Street, New York,) is able to offer it at fifteen cents (twenty cents, postpaid), because the authors have given their work for the sake of

the children. The list for the sake of the children. The list of authors includes such names as Thodosia Garrison, Edwin Lefevre, Henry Sydnor, Alice Hegan Rice, Edwin Markham and Leroy Scott, Donald McKee and a dozen others.

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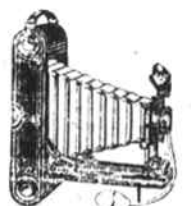
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