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BUYS OUT P. S. & K. K. ALLEN.

The Candler-Crowell Co. To Operate Two Stores.

One of the largest and most interesting business changes that has been brought about in Louisburg during the past few months came to light Tuesday, when it was given out that Messrs. P. S. & K. K. Allen had sold their large mercantile business on the corner of Main and Nash Streets, to the Candler-Crowell Co., Mr. H. L. Candler, of the Candler-Crowell Co., informs us that for the present he will continue to use the P. S. & K. K. Allen stand in addition to his present location and expects to be in position to give his many friends and customers some exceptional bargains. Since the establishment of the Candler-Crowell Co., here in 1910 it has enjoyed a splendid business as is shown by its continued success under the expert management of Mr. Candler, who has become one of Franklin's most popular business men.

Farm Loan Association Receives Charter.

The members of Louisburg Farm Loan Association will learn with much pleasure that the Charter for this association has been received by Secretary F. B. McKinnel. It is a neat piece of lithography and will be framed for future use. The splendid work in the past few months in this organization, done by Mr. F. B. McKinnel, Secretary, is a matter which deserves especial note and to him is due the credit of securing the Charter as early as we have. He is making an exceptional officer and every member of the organization will extend congratulations to him.

War News in Brief.

With intense interest diverted from the moment from the fighting fronts, where the war is still raging, the slackening of hostilities, attention is focused on the convening Thursday afternoon of the German Reichstag.

At the opening session will be heard the first utterances of the new Imperial Chancellor, Mr. Michaelis, concerning his stand on the war—utterances that naturally will be momentous, inasmuch as they will indicate whether, with the recent changes in the German government, Germany is to continue her warfare without abatement, or whether the call for peace that have been heard so often in Germany, and especially in the Reichstag, are anything but empty expressions.

The probable attitude of the Chancellor already has run the gamut of diverse speculation, but as yet nothing has been evolved from the many unofficial discussions of the man and his ideas and intentions on which anything like certainty can be based.

Some writers express the belief that the new Chancellor's leanings will be toward the peace views of the majority bloc in the Reichstag; others have advanced the opinion that his policy will be that of the militaristic party, and there are others who consider his assumption of office merely a part of a stop-gap program preliminary to the formation of something in the nature of a dictatorship.

After having tried ineffectually to overcome the French gains in the Verdun sector, between the eastern edge of the Avcourt wood and hill 304, the Germans have ceased their costly enterprise and are now contenting themselves with throwing shells into the positions which General Petain's men forced them to evacuate. Likewise, along the Chemin-Des-Dames the violent infantry activity of the early week has ceased, and artillery duels instead are taking place.

The British and the Germans continue their violent artillery duels in northern Belgium, and Field Marshal Haig's forces are keeping up their harassing patrol raids on numerous sectors of the front. One of the most successful of these enterprises was carried out east of Mancy-Le-Prez, in the Arras sector, in which the British gained ground and took prisoners.

On the Russian front, General Korniloff's army in East Galicia is stubbornly holding back the reinforced Austro-German armies, which at various points are endeavoring to wrest from them the positions recently won in the Halicz and Kalusz sectors. In the latter region near the village of Novica the enemy won a vantage point from the Russians, but immediately afterwards in a counter-attack

lost it again. The Germans are violently bombarding the Russians south of Brzezany and near Hancz.

Late reports from Petrograd are to the effect that the disorders have been quelled. In Tuesday's fighting in the streets of Petrograd, six persons were killed and 233 wounded. The weekly British admiralty statement shows that last week 14 British ships, of more than 1,600 tons, four of under 1,600 tons and eight fishing vessels, were sunk by submarines or mines—a slight increase in tonnage over the previous week.

Recovers Stolen Auto.

Mr. Edward H. Gantt, of Neuse, was in Louisburg Monday to identify an automobile alleged to have been stolen from him by Frank Hicks, colored, on Friday morning of last week. He was accompanied by Mr. Leonard, also of Neuse. Both the

Youngsville Items.

Mr. R. H. Stell, of Washington, N. C., is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Stell. Miss Lillian Winston returned Monday from Elizabeth City, where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. J. W. Woodlief and daughter, Miss Irene, are visiting Mrs. Woodlief's father at Stem this week. J. L. Brown is at Moore's pond fishing today.

Misses Lizzie Underwood and Gertrude Winston left Thursday for Greensboro Normal where they will attend the Summer School.

Mrs. J. H. Timberlake and Mrs. B. H. Winston are visiting Mrs. C. E. Reitzel, at High Point, this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Claude V. Timberlake left Monday for Norfolk, Va. Misses Priscilla and Iantha Pittman, of Louisburg, are visiting Mrs. J. L.

tastic" were in the majority; then a lovely trip to "The Falls on Roanoke River Sunday P. M., and ending up with an old-time serenade of "ye olden songs" Sunday night. Those enjoying such a genuine good time were: Misses Frances Sessoms, Lula P. Thorne, Hattie Mae Lassiter, Helen House, Messrs. Charles House, Harry House, Harry L. Candler and Hugh House.

Red Cross Society at Work.

Regularly on Wednesday of each week the Red Cross Society meets at the Graded School building to carry on its Relief work for the Soldiers. The women are faithful in this work and are gaining splendid results.

At the last meeting it was encouraging to see how the Relief Box was filling up. Apart from the rolls, bandages and pads the need of Comfort

Three Killed Two Injured.

As the result of stopping an automobile on the Seaboard Air Line track near Method on Wednesday three persons were killed and two injured. The dead are E. B. Elam, H. K. Harris, Raleigh, Miss Alice Harris, Forestville. The injured were Miss Elizabeth Harris, of Raleigh, and Miss Lena Luther, of Fayetteville.

The Kaiser.

The German Kaiser should have known. That the inhumane seed he's sown, Would surely fall among the stone, And show to the world he played the bone.

His little sheet steel crocodile, Raised the dickens for a while, But now they're almost out of style, And Billie's face has lost its smile.

He swore he'd send his deadly flyer, And set gay Paris on fire, But failed to work this crooked wire, So we must say he's a liar.

Wilson kept up watchful waiting, While Bill stuck right to bitter hating, Until things became so grating, Uncle Sam commenced inflating.

Now he's held his warriors meeting, Sent little Willie a different greeting, From those he's been defeating, And now he'll have to take his beating.

The men we now have in training, With plenty of true blue yet remaining, Will take up arms go out braining, And paint things red with German staining.

None on earth can beat them gunning, Or in science, craft or cunning, And if Bill don't do some good home running, They'll have his hide off stretched out sunning.

His little Kell incubator, Hatching the cigar alligator, To all the world can be no greater, Than a very small potato.

VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

Popes Items.

Well it has been a long time since you have heard from us. The heavy rains and the grass have almost gotten our crops, so we had not the time to write.

The revival services will be held at Pops commencing on the 5th Sunday in this month, by Rev. Mr. Green. Rev. Green is a fine preacher and all will be well paid to come out and hear him.

Miss Zelma Holmes is visiting her brother this week, in Kittrell. Miss Rosa Pergerson spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Adner Richardson, of Rileys.

Mr. J. W. Suit and Via Evans has a new automobile. Automobiles are more plentiful about Pops than ox carts were 50 years ago.

Mr. W. A. Fuller bought a phaeton last week. He says a car is too common for him.

We were sorry to hear of the sad death of Mr. Len Winston who was a member of Pops church and had many friends here.

Mrs. Margaret Womack, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Mrs. R. L. Conyers.

G. H. P.

How to Build the Pen.

About three weeks ago the Observer published details of a potato pen constructed by a man in Kansas City from which he had been securing marvelous results in potato production. The article attracted uncommon interest in all parts of North Carolina and in South Carolina as well, and the pen was besieged for further instructions as to the building and arrangement of the pen. It developed that years ago a Haywood County doctor, who afterward became State Auditor, was growing potatoes from a pen of the same construction, apparently, as that adopted by the Kansas City grower. The Observer's readers, however, were not able to figure out the exact principles of the potato pen and the demands for further enlightenment became so insistent that we wrote The Kansas City Star to investigate this method of potato growing and to

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Messrs. W. H. and T. W. Ruffin, W. H. Yarborough, and Ben T. Holden went to Raleigh on Monday.

Mrs. J. S. Barrow, of Greensboro, is on a visit to her son, Mr. J. J. Barrow.

Miss Mary Jones, who has been visiting Miss Eleanor Thomas, returned to her home at Henderson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas returned Tuesday from a visit to Virginia.

Mrs. G. R. McGrady, of Raleigh, is on a visit to her people here.

Miss Mildred Shearin is visiting friends in Raleigh this week.

Mrs. Daisy Sims and daughter, Miss Thelma, and son, Lynn, are visiting her brother, Mr. W. W. Webb.

Mrs. E. M. Perry and little daughter, Ethel, returned the past week from a trip to Hendersonville.

Miss Louise Thomas returned Wednesday from a trip to Black Mountain.

Messrs. J. A. Turner, J. L. Palmer, W. E. White, Jr., and E. W. Furgurson, delegates, F. B. McKinnel, lay delegate, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson and Rev. F. S. Love returned the past week from Clayton, where they attended the Raleigh District Conference held at Elizabeth church in the Four Oaks circuit.

send us "workable plans" of the pen. The information department of that paper took the matter in hand and has supplied the desired information. The Star writer describes it as "a new, or at least unknown method of raising potatoes, but according to many Kansas City persons who have tried it, a large amount of potatoes can be grown if the pen is properly constructed. It will be remembered that the claims for the pen which The Observer had described was a production of forty-two bushels, the pen being 8x6x6. Potato growers who may want to experiment with the pen method—and we have cause to know that they are legion—are forthwith given the benefit of the experience of the most successful experimenters in Kansas City, who advise:

Plan a potato pen six times eight feet on the inside ground measurement and six feet high. If desired the length of the pen may be any multiple of eight feet. This plan selected is to be made into one large potato hill, the sides supported by a loosely constructed pen, built like the old rail fence, of 2x4 or any similar sized timber, firmly supported by posts. Rich earth, or earth and manure, must be at hand sufficiently to fill the pen to the top.

Lay off the plat of ground and divide by five equally spaced lengthwise lines and seven crosswise lines, placing a potato eye at each intersection of the lines on the surface of the ground. Cover these with six inches of earth; mark as before and again place potato seed. Cover these with another six inches of earth and repeat the operation until twelve layers have been placed, the pen having been built as the earth was piled up.

As the pen rises, insert in the center of the side, three feet above the ground, a piece of timber three feet long and about the diameter of the arm, leaving an end protruding so that it may be loosened and withdrawn. In dry weather this to be taken out and the moisture of the center of the bed determined by inserting the arm in the hole.

The top layer of earth should be sloped gently toward the center so that the mound will absorb and not shed rain, but care should be taken that mud be prevented from forming on the top and baking into a crust. When the earth is dry the mound should be sprinkled on both top and sides.

The potato vines will grow both to the top and sides of the pen, emerging through the crevices at the side and concealing the timbers. Loose straw or leaves may be piled up, against the side of the pen to prevent the earth from running out of the interstices. When the potatoes are matured, the pen may be torn down and the potatoes rolled out of their thin covering of earth with a rake, thus preventing cutting them as frequently happens when they are dug from hills. —Charlotte Observer.

ATTENTION!

Every person who is liable to be called for service in either branch of the Military service or for any other reason expects to leave home had better call on Mr. J. M. Allen, Chairman of the Board of Elections, and register under the absentee voters law, so that he can vote by mail in any election held hereafter in Franklin County. Attend to this before you leave.

car and the driver were taken into custody by Constable R. W. Hudson and Chief of Police D. J. Higa on last Friday morning near Ingleside and were held for the owner, who is an officer from Vance county. The car was taken from in front of the Vance Hotel in Henderson. Hicks was taken to Henderson Monday for trial by the Chief of Police of that place.

Commits Suicide.

Mr. Eliah Perry, of Centerville, committed suicide on Monday morning by shooting himself in the mouth with a pistol, according to information reaching here. The deed was committed in the grove near his home and no cause for his act has been learned here. The deceased was 64 years old and leaves a number of relatives and friends. The funeral services were held from his home Tuesday afternoon and the interment made in the family burying ground near by.

Miss Eva Debnam Dead.

The home of Mr. J. B. Debnam, on South Main street, was made sad on last Sunday night at 7 o'clock when death claimed his 13 year old daughter, Eva, after a brief illness. The funeral services were held from the home on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, after which the remains were laid to rest in Oaklawn cemetery.

Quite a large number of friends attended the services and extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Ice Cream Supper at Cedar Rock Academy.

On Saturday evening, July 21st, there will be given at Cedar Rock Rock Academy an ice cream supper, the proceeds to go for the benefit of Cedar Rock School.

Come one and all and see what there is in store for you.

Directors Meeting.

The Board of Directors of the First National Bank held their regular semi-annual meeting in their Banking House on Main street on July 3rd. After hearing the reports from the officers they declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent to be payable on July 15th. The reports showed splendid business and a good outlook for the future.

Brown this week.

The Youngsville Graded School Trustees met Monday and elected Prof. J. J. Fine, of Wilmington, Superintendent to succeed Prof. W. L. Edinger, who resigned to take up other work. Other teachers elected were: Misses Flossie Noble, of Polkton, Gertrude Winston, Lizzie Underwood and Burma Perry.

The following officers of Youngsville Lodge No. 377, A. F. & A. M. were installed for the ensuing year: W. T. Moss, W. M.; C. E. Jeffreys, S. W.; W. C. Perry, J. W.; B. G. Mitchell, S. D.; W. L. Edinger, J. D.; L. E. Winston, Secy.; J. W. Woodlief, Treas.; J. E. Winston, Tyler; J. R. Pearce, Chaplain. After the installation of officers the portraits of the following Past Masters were presented to the Lodge: J. W. Woodlief, T. L. Moss, J. R. Pearce, Jonas Cooke and B. G. Mitchell. Rev. G. M. Duke then delivered a most eloquent and touching address on the Masonic work, after which refreshments were served.

Machinery of the Youngsville Hoistery Mills is now being installed. Mr. J. W. Emory, of Durham, who has recently located here is Manager of the new concern. Mr. Emory is working hard to get the mill in order to begin operations by the 1st of August. The mill when complete will operate forty machines, and will run day and night. Mr. G. M. Perry, Secy. says he is in receipt of a sufficient number of inquiries to assure a profitable disposition of the output of the mill for a great while.

Mayor Winston is busy working out details for the electric light system here. The Bonds have been sold, and the power line from Wake Forest is being surveyed. Contract for material and fixtures has been given to Western Electric Co.

Miss Helen House Has a Real "House-Party."

Perhaps one of the most delightful week-end house parties of the season, was the one enjoyed by a number of friends during last week at Thelma, N. C.

Beginning with a reception, and an all-around good time Friday night; a visit to "Airlie" and the old historic home of "Thorne" on Saturday morning; to Panacea Springs Saturday night, where music and the "light fan-

bags is being stressed. There is considerable expense attached to these bags and filling them and with constant demand for material for bandages etc. there is always a need for money. Any donation toward the Comfort bags will be greatly appreciated, either in money or something from the Regulation list as given below:

- Khaki-colored sewing cotton, number 30.
- White sewing cotton, number 30.
- White darning cotton.
- Needles, number 5.
- Darning needle.
- Needle case.
- *Buttons, khaki-colored and white.
- Medium size, in bags 3" times 5".
- Large thumb.
- Blunt-pointed scissors.
- Cake of soap.
- Safety pins, medium size.
- Common pins.
- Small comb.
- Tooth brush.
- Tooth paste.
- Small round mirror.
- Handkerchiefs.
- Leg pencil.
- Writing pad, envelopes and post cards.
- Playing cards.
- Pocket knife.
- *Shoe laces, tan.

*In comfort bags made for the Navy, sewing cotton, buttons and shoe laces should be black.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Postoffice at Louisburg, N. C., not called for July 20th, 1917:

Mr. Jarok Anderson (2), Supt. W. J. Bennett, Mr. Willie Devan, George Ellis, Mr. Joe Harris, Mr. B. ent Hall, Mr. Daniel Harris, Demon Hayes, J. Ellis Jaynes (2), Mr. Buel Lacust, Shed Mills, Mr. W. H. Parrish, Miss Eleanor Parrish, Miss Lea Perry, Annie Pierce, Willie A. Sawyer, Mr. Thomas Smith.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

Mr. F. L. Herman and family left Friday for a visit to relatives in Hickory and other western points. They made the trip by automobile.