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WHAT OUR TOWN CORRESPONDENT HEARS AND THINKS—ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY.

We must have a rousing big Fourth of July celebration this year.

Subscribe to The Courier and quit bewailing from your neighbors.

Mr. E. S. Walker, of Asheboro Rt. 2, was in the city Friday on business.

Mr. H. L. Johnson, of Rileys Store, lost a fine mule a few days ago.

There are 125,000 telephone girls in the United States.

Mr. John Skeen, of the Snider section, has erected a nice dwelling on his farm near Denton.

The sound of the carpenter's hammer can be heard in several directions in Denton.

Mr. J. A. Dick, of Asheboro Route 2, has decided to quit the country and go into business in High Point.

Mr. James Russell, of the Rileys Store section, is building a new addition to his home.

The man with an elastic imagination is always willing to stretch a point.

Sell your cross ties, lumber, wheat, corn, chickens and eggs in Asheboro and go home satisfied.

Mr. M. F. Burgess has built a new addition to his home on Ramseyer Rt. 2.

Mr. E. B. Cole, proprietor of the furniture store at Bennett, has opened up a full line of coffins and caskets.

Announce your name in The Courier if you are a candidate for a town office.

Garbaging time is now here and it is quite necessary that everybody should get busy and get some seed in the soil.

Mr. W. A. Ward now has a force of hands building a nice dwelling house which will be the best and finest building in Bennett when completed.

Mr. J. E. Lamb and family, who have been living in Greensboro for about one year, have returned to Randolph.

Mrs. J. F. Graves, who has been visiting in Rockingham for some time, has returned to her home in Randolph.

There have been some burglars in Asheboro this winter. Quite a number of stores have been broken into and goods stolen.

Mr. Stanton King, a prominent farmer of Providence township, is numbered among our several subscribers this week.

Mr. S. A. Cox, a prominent Union township merchant and farmer, was a business visitor to the city last Friday.

Mr. John Lowdermilk and Mrs. W. C. Hart, of Harpers Cross Roads, were united in matrimony a few days ago. The groom is 75 years old and the bride is 69.

Master Oscar Deaton, the 8-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deaton, of Bennett, had the misfortune to get both bones in one of his arms broken between the wrist and elbow a few days ago.

An old maid was asked why she did not marry. She replied that she did not need a man for four reasons: (1) She has an old lamp that smokes; (2) she has a parrot that swears; (3) she has a dog that tracks in mud; (4) she has a cat that stays out nights.

Supt. T. F. Bulla expects a large attendance at the county commencement. The commencement should be nothing short of a grand success with all of Randolph's mighty band of teachers and Prof. Bulla co-operating with the hope of making it such.

Paying investments are not plentiful as blackberries in midsummer. Anybody who is offered one can afford to look a second time before he refuses it. Any beggar can buy a farm in Randolph and get rich by it if he can borrow the purchase money at 6 per cent and the farm will pay 12 per cent net profit.

It has been proven that the average profit on one hen is \$2; the costs 50c, isn't that 400 per cent on the investment? That beats banking, cotton milling or merchandising. But you say that's a small business. Yes, and that's earth is made up of small atoms. To be profitable anything must be well attended to. Several small businesses afford relaxation and bring relaxation and profit as well as profit.—Hoke County Journal.

Printers make mistakes sometimes, but to hear some folks talk one would think they were the only ones; that's because other folks can cover up their mistakes while a printer's error is always staring one in the face. But here is a story from the Boston Transcript which shows that others are also liable to mistakes: "The use of the telephone frequently results in some funny mistakes. Prior to a meeting of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs in Chicago a young woman was asked over the telephone if she would take two delegates to

SPEAKER WOOLLEN DEAD

SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES SUSTAINED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Hon. E. R. Wooten, Speaker of the House of Representatives, died last Saturday afternoon from injuries sustained in the automobile accident on February 15, when W. T. Aycock, engraving clerk, was killed. Mr. Wooten's recovery had been hoped for but when pneumonia developed in connection with his injuries all efforts to keep up the vitality of the patient failed.

A large number of members of both the Senate and House accompanied the remains to Kinston, where the funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon. The flags on the State House having been placed at half mast immediately after the Speaker's death.

Mr. Wooten was 56 years of age. He was educated at Wake Forest College, and had held various positions of trust and honor. He was trustee of the University of North Carolina, had served ably as a Representative in the past four sessions of the General Assembly, having been elected Speaker of the present House by acclamation.

The people of Jamestown are asking the Legislature for authority to vote \$15,000 bonds, which will be added to the insurance, amounting to about \$10,000 received for the loss of their school building. Mr. E. J. Coltrane, formerly of Randolph county, is superintendent of the high school at Jamestown.

The convention. She agreed to do so, and on the day appointed showed up at the hall with two jelly cakes.

There are a few of us who can remember what the old fashioned, smoke house bacon, hams, shoulders and sausage tasted like. It makes the mouth water to think of it. And why was the smoke house permitted to be crowded aside to make way for inferior, high priced, chemically treated, machine prepared products of the great packers' syndicate? That there is no good reason has been demonstrated by the farmers of Brooks county, Georgia. Up to a short time ago the Brooks county farmers marketed their hogs on the hoof, as is now done uniformly throughout the country. Eventually the fact that the pork they sold for six to eight cents a pound came back to them in the shape of hams and bacon for which they had to pay 20 to 25 cents a pound, set them to thinking. Then they re-established the old time smoke house, slaughtered their own hogs and cured the meat. Not only are they obtaining better and cheaper food for themselves, but a stronger market demand for smoke house products has been created than they can supply. These hams and bacon have become famous as far as they have reached.

The Republican mix-up in this state is somewhat remarkable. Who ever heard of a Republican in sincerity wanting a primary, and some of them actually claim they favor a primary for all political parties on the same day? It is a sad plight in which we find these Israelitish brethren in the wilderness, wavering their allegiance between Moses, the rock smiter, Aaron, the golden calf maker. Many are gazing at the stars thinking they will find a sign in the heavens which will serve to lead them in their journey to the promised land, but how many false prophets have arisen that for the life of them they cannot discern the pathway that leads straight to the land of milk and honey. One crowd known as the Taft brand, claims they have kept the ship steady and the rudder true from the assaults of the "ungodly" the Roosevelt faction. They are the only bona fide who are a safe guide for the footsteps of the elect, and claim that smoke from their wigwags should be pillars of fire by night and the cloud by day for the guidance of the not only the elect, but all the saints, but when the sun goes down the smoke is no longer seen and does not serve as a pillar of fire by night, and the elect grow weary and footsore and say they are heavy laden, and fail to keep a glimpse of the pillar of fire cherished and kept bright by the untiring efforts of the windy and gassy crowd who are forever prating about the great things they have done. They shout and blow about how they are going to put everything to rest in the years to come, over the left no doubt as they have done in the sanguinary battles of the past. There has risen up a new Caesar in our midst, he is still in his swaddling clothes, his character for veracity is not much, he is so windy, but he declares he is the only pebble on the beach, that his beacon is the only true guide that may be safely relied upon to lead the wanderers home, and he has about worn off his boot heels in an endeavor to be of real assistance to the real chosen of the Lord, and so enabled to grab a seat at the right table when the "pie" is passed around. This sort of a would-be leader is in great mental distress because his fellow patriots will not repose confidence in him to believe any promises he makes, because they know him and his kind. They are not of those who keep their word or can be depended upon during good or bad report. There is much to be done these days. Some are raising up and wanting to know what has become of the money they said when they were mad and beside themselves and listened to appeals to prejudices instead of following the wisdom of their own judgment which would have guided them in cooler moments.

LIBERTY HOME COMING AND BOOSTER CLUB FESTIVAL

The people of Liberty have prepared an enjoyable treat for all those who enjoy literary and musical entertainment. Arrangement has been made for three days and nights of lectures and concerts to be held on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of March, by the Radcliffe Attraction Co., of Washington, D. C. There will also be special programs for each day in the interest of education, agriculture and social welfare. Dr. Hill, President of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C., will lecture on Friday, agricultural day of the festival; while Dr. Sears, Dr. Frizzell, and others have been secured for the delight of the audiences throughout the meeting.

On Saturday, educational day, Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., will deliver an address, and all nearby, surrounding schools are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to hear a most helpful lecture. There will be a parade of the schools, and to the visiting school having the best average attendance, a banner will be presented.

The town is thoroughly interested in the outlook for a splendid event and a good time for all. The following lines were written by a resident and shows the interest being taken by the citizens of the town:

"BOOST LIBERTY"
Do you know there's lots of people
Sittin' 'round in lots of towns,
Growin' like a bloomin' chicker,
Knockin' every good thing down?
Don't YOU be that kind of grouch,
Cause, THEY ain't no use on earth.
You just be a "BOOSTER BOOSTER"
Grow and BOOST for all you're worth.

When old Liberty needs BOOSTIN', boost her,
Don't hold back and wait to see
If some other fellow's willin'
Sall right in, this country's free;
No one has a mortgage on it;
It's just yours as much as his,
When old Liberty is shy on "BOOSTERS"
You get in the BOOSTER "BIZ."

If things don't just seem to suit you,
And the world seems kinder wrong,
What's the matter with your "BOOSTIN' "
Just to help the thing along?
Cause if things should stop agoin'
We'd be in a sorry plight;
You just keep that horn blowin'
Boost her up with all your might.

If you know some fellow's failin',
Just forget 'em, 'cause you know,
That same fellow has some good points,
Them's the ones you want to show.
"Cast your loaves out on the waters,
They'll come back" a saying true,
Mebbe, too, they'll come back buttered,
When some fellow BOOSTS for YOU.

LATE WAR NEWS

The Allied fleets last week, to the number of 32 warships, bombarded the three sets of Turkish fortifications near the mouth of the Dardanelles, and finally silenced them.

Great Britain has agreed that Russia shall have Constantinople if the Allies win in the war.

Another important German victory is claimed in Poland. The Kaiser's army has captured the town of Pranyaz with ten thousand Russian soldiers and twenty cannon.

The general staff of the Russian army claims that the German reports of victory in Russian Poland are greatly exaggerated.

It is reported from England that Lord Kitchener's army of 1,000,000 is pouring into France at the rate of 15,000 a day. Berlin reports that German soldiers are pouring into Belgium ready to resume the attack on France.

Public opinion in Norway is greatly aroused over the destruction of Norwegian ships.

The leading Turkish newspapers are telling their readers that the German Emperor is reigning at Paris, that he has been converted to Mohammedanism; that the conquered people of Belgium likewise have renounced their religion and are turning their cathedrals into mosques. After this one reads without surprise that the British Government is sending to the Kaiser a caravan of twenty camels, loaded with gold, to ransom London from air raids. These are only a few of the wonderful stories the Turkish papers tell.

MORGAN-CAMERON

On Thursday, February 25, 1915, there was a beautiful home wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cameron, at Denton, when Mr. B. F. Morgan, one of Randolph's most popular young men, led to the altar their charming and accomplished daughter, Miss Sarah, beautifully gowned in blue satin.

The parlor was beautifully decorated in blue and white; the bridal procession marched in to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Lou Shaw, of Lexington. The attendants were, Miss Fannie Morgan, with Mr. Chas. Cameron, and Miss Moleta Morgan with Mr. John Cameron.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Steadman, of Farmington. There were just a few relatives and friends present.

Immediately after the ceremony at the dining room which was decorated in orange and white, to a sumptuous dinner.

The occasion will be long remembered by those present.

The bride and groom have the best wishes of their many friends.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, and a leader in the good movement, says that in his opinion the child labor question can best be settled by an effective compulsory educational law; for this would not only take the children from the mills but would also take them from the farm and other industries. Dr. Pratt says that the greatest need these children is not to be wholly deprived of work but to be given an education.

The McRae bill to establish a State reformatory for fallen women has passed the Senate.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

It is said that there are no less than 1,400,000 Belgians wholly dependent on charity for their food.

Military activity in Italy, Holland, Greece, and Roumania indicates that these countries may take part in the war.

In an address at Washington, last week, President Wilson said: "The world could dispense with high society and never miss it."

All shipyards in the United States are now working to their full capacity. Freight carrying steamers are most in demand.

Revenue officers captured a still of 110 gallons capacity, said to belong to Charles Thompson, near Mt. Gilead last week.

William H. Baker, the well known cocoa and chocolate manufacturer, died at his home in Syracuse, New York, last Thursday at the age of 64.

Thomas A. Edison celebrated his 65th birthday recently, and says he feels "as young as any fellow at twenty-five."

Canada now has 30,324 German and Austrian prisoners of war. Most of them have been released on parole, but nearly 2,000 are in prison camps.

Bandits in the Philippines have been causing such disturbances that United States soldiers have been sent in pursuit of them.

A committee of the Massachusetts Legislature has voted for a celebration in 1920 of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock.

Dr. Thomas Newlin, now president of Whittier College, California, has been elected president of Guilford College, to succeed Dr. L. L. Hobbs, resigned.

Under the provisions of the Federal law relating to migratory birds, no waterfowl can be shot anywhere in this part of the country after February 15.

The wives of the North Carolina delegation in Congress presented to the Congressional Club last Wednesday a complete set of the works of O. Henry.

The Sixty-Third Congress will go down in history as the greatest Congress for constructive legislation since the Government passed its formative period.

Great Britain, France and their allies have advised neutral countries that they hold themselves at liberty to stop all shipping to and from Germany and the countries of her allies.

Conspiracy to violate the food and drugs act and other Federal statutes has recently brought heavy fines, coupled with loss of citizenship, to prominent dealers in coffee and other articles.

Seventy-five car loads of oats, intended for export, have recently been seized by the Federal authorities because they were found to be adulterated in the meaning of the food and drugs act.

The month of February, just passed, had no full moon, January having had two full moons. This is a very occurrence, there having been no month without a full moon since January, 1867, it is said.

A Miss Wharton, of Philadelphia, left her entire fortune of more than fifty thousand dollars for the care of her pet cats. None of it is to be divided among her heirs until the last cat has passed away.

To inspect one little postoffice, where the salary is only \$240 per year, U. S. postoffice Inspector E. P. Swain, of Washington, is making a journey of more than 20,000 miles to the island of Guam, one of the spoils of our war with Spain.

The British Ministry has asked Parliament for a "blank check" that is unlimited authority for an army of three million men, no matter what the expenses may be. It is the first time in two hundred years that the Ministry has asked for such unlimited authority.

John H. Van Landingham, a prominent citizen of Charlotte, died Sunday morning at six o'clock following an illness of several months. Mr. Van Landingham held various positions of honor and trust in the city of Charlotte.

Among recent publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission are the papers, both of public and private nature, of Archibald DeBow Murphy (1777-1822). The work is in two quarto volumes and is neatly gotten up.

The Revue, of Paris, predicts that the Allies, if successful, will call upon Germany and Austria to pay about thirty-four billion dollars indemnity if the war continues until August 1. If the German-Austrian-Turkish alliance should win, the bill presented to the Allies, based upon the costs of the war, would probably be about as large.

SEEING NEW YORK CITY

INTERESTING SIGHTS IN BIG CITY—SNOW STORMS—BREAD LINES—EXCITEMENT OVER WAR IN EUROPE

In the country, where there is plenty of space and fewer people there is not so much ado made over a snow storm, but in a big city the rule is for men to get to work moving snow before it ceases falling. However, during the last snow storm in New York, the city fathers didn't remove the snow until after it had quit snowing; then they put out 15,000 men at 30 cents an hour, all of which cost the city \$50,000. The newspapers seem to think this a fabulous amount in addition to great inconvenience suffered by the people.

There seems to be much suffering among the poor people. There have been bread lines with thousands of people in them—the majority being men. Seven hundred homeless men are being sheltered nightly on Ellis Island alone. Some sleep on benches and some on bare floors and most of them thinly clad. With all the public buildings, schools, etc., it must seem easy enough to allow these unfortunate creatures sleeping space instead of turning them out to suffer with the cold.

As a help for the poor "Bridle Dog" has been observed a central committee has asked every one who could to send bundles of clothes, etc., to designated places, such to be labeled "clothes for persons aged ____." Large vans went around and gathered bundles, stopping at every house from which an American flag hung. More than 500,000 were sent in to the committee who have been distributing to most needy persons.

In front of one of the buildings I saw a poor old crippled woman picking particles of food from a trash can. She was most grateful for the remainder of a Southern lunch, and in expressing her gratitude said most earnestly, "God bless you, God bless you."

At the Presbyterian church on Sunday the minister preached a Home Mission sermon and in it told of the hardships of a country preacher and his opportunity of doing good. He spoke of work and workers in North Carolina and Tennessee. He admitted twenty persons into the church twelve conversions and eight excommunicates. The collection amounted to \$2,200. A Catholic priest had been giving doctrinal lectures at one of the Catholic churches to which non-Catholics were especially invited. One of his lectures was on "Why I am a Catholic." His reasoning is the beginning of his address was very broad and liberal but in the latter part a Protestant would readily see that he was putting forth the greatness and goodness of the Catholic church.

Two Chinese were electrocuted at Sing Sing one morning this week for killing a fellow countryman. Their bodies were turned over to relatives who gave them a Chinese funeral at which the proverbial Chinese roast pig was present. Warden Thomas Mott Osborne did not attend the electrocution, being opposed to capital punishment.

There is great excitement about the war. There is a large map of Europe and bulletins on one of the public buildings on Columbus Circus and the people of all nationalities go there to get the latest news.

A great stir has been made over the price of loaf bread going from 5 to 6 cents. Some have advised using corn meal with the flour, others for bakers to purchase flour in bulk.

There are all modes of travel, the omnibuses, the taxicabs, but the registered number of miles at stated prices, the bus that has a two story effect and wears the advertisement "Ten Cents a Trip." Then there are the surface street cars, the suburban, and elevated railways, all kinds to choose from.

Money doesn't stay with one long in the city though meals at cafes seem quite moderate in price. And you can get much or little as your purse allows. The nearest approach to "Down Home" cooking that I have seen were some Virginia pan cakes which were up to the mark, but there's nothing like the Southern cooking, turnip salad, sauer kraut, and fried chicken, all of which are good to me.

Dr. A. O. Spoon, of Greensboro, and Miss Nannie Coffey, of High Point, were married recently in Asheville.

The North Carolina House of Representatives has elected Thomas C. Bowie, of Ashe county, to succeed Speaker Wooten, who died last Saturday.

Officers of Marlboro county, South Carolina, and Richmond county, North Carolina, had heard rumors of a mob being organized near the state line and went in search last Friday night. Upon reaching the edge of a swamp, the posse saw a man carrying off a 35-gallon still and at once arrested him. His companions who were hiding in the bushes, opened fire which was returned by the officers, killing one of the moonshiners.

Madame Sembrich, the singer; Henrik Sienkiewicz, the author of "Quo Vadis"; and Fiodorovskii, the pianist, all famous in Russia, are asking help for their country, seen in Poland, which is said to be in as much distress as Belgium. The Polish sufferers are said to be in special need of warm clothing, as they were compelled to flee from their home and in most cases were unable to take any clothing except what they wore.