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The world admires a winner, and to be a winner you must be a sticker.

The expected has arrived. Contagious disease has made its appearance in the great war. Typhus fever is slaying its thousands in Serbia.

The price of cotton advanced \$7.50 a bale last month. The money markets are easy and conditions are more favorable for new enterprises. The New York Stock Exchange removed the limitation on minimum prices, and this completes the return to normal trading. Bank clearings are getting better every week.

President Thomas, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the other day wrote President Wilson that his road will soon award contracts involving an expenditure of nearly \$1,000,000, stating this expenditure was justified by improved business conditions. He also stated that additional expenditures would be made in the near future as he believed business conditions would be further greatly improved.

TOWN OFFICERS

The town election is only a few days off and the people should look well to the selection of proper public officials.

Some definite plan should be adopted as to the method of selection of nominees. The nominations should have been made days ago, and the sooner these nominations are made now, the better.

Every person should take an interest in this important matter.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will expend \$20,000,000 in new equipment of the most up-to-date type. The company is to replace worn out rolling stock with 144 new locomotives, 146 steel passenger cars, and 10,000 steel freight cars. This is the largest order given in a year and will give employment to thousands of men. The Pennsylvania Railroad would not make these extensive purchases unless it foresaw rapid and permanent growth of business improvement. When these improvements are made, this, the standard railroad of America, will have supplanted all wooden cars, both passenger and freight, with steel cars of the most modern construction.

It is only in the last few years that owners of woodland have learned to conserve their timber by cutting out for firewood only the defective timber and black jacks and such as will not grow into merchantable timber. What is or may be merchantable timber is not so easily determined. Take for instance, black gum, and it polishes more readily than mahogany and when properly treated takes on the appearance of mahogany. Black gum is used for making handsome door and window facings and interior finish. A few years ago gum was considered worthless. Now black gum and red gum are valuable and are used in constructing the finest hotels and other buildings.

REDUCTION OF ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES

Since the town of Asheboro purchased its electric light plant, a profit has been earned every month. Several times The Courier has felt called upon to call attention that public utilities owned by municipalities should not be operated as money making enterprises, but we have refrained from calling attention to this fact because it is so easy for a newspaper's motive to be misunderstood. The town authorities have reduced the rates considerably. These rates will go into effect immediately, and if there are earning each month under the new rates there should be still further reduction in the rates.

A RANDOLPH BOY IN CABARRUS

Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, recently visited Concord, and writes in the Advocate of the success of Rev. R. K. Brady, formerly of this county, where he was born and reared in the southeastern part of the county and taught in the public schools of the

county for several years:

"This charge consists of Kerr Street church, near the Gibson mill, and Harmony church at the Brown mill. Through much walking and great tribulation, we succeeded in finding quite a number of our subscribers and arranging for getting a rather badly tangled list in good shape. Brother Brady has a neat little church and parsonage in good position for effective work in what appears to be a very important field. Especially is this true of Kerr Street. He is in touch with a great population, and is evidently taking hold of the situation with a determined hand. Among other things, he is himself in charge of a great men's class in his Sabbath School. He preaches to large congregations. We found him just ready for revival services which began on Sunday."

THE CALAMITY ISSUE

It is pretty generally conceded the Republicans will have to find some other issue besides calamity howling.

"If you were Big Business; and if you had practiced before the mirror puckering your mouth to weep for the good old Cannon-Peese times; and if you read on one page of your Sunday paper that general business is picking up bravely and on another that building permits in Manhattan are \$5,500,000, or about 47 per cent more than last year before the war, and on still another that railway earnings for February show a sharp upward trend, might it not make you doubt whether there is really one more election in Calamity?"

To which the Washington Star adds:

"Of course, if a wave of prosperity strikes the country, the Republicans will say that the war in Europe came at the right time to save the Democratic administration. People who see business picking up, the price of stocks advancing, the price of cotton making sensational bounds and the financial conditions so sound that the world is leaning on America, are beginning to understand that all this could not take place if Democratic administration of the country's affairs was any bar to the recovery of confidence. Calamity howling was good and plausible only while calamity was in full blast on account of the war in Europe—but it was anything but plausible as political capital then.

The present war in Europe will go down in history as the Twentieth Century Calamity. For more than six months the greatest calamity in the history of nations has been in progress and is unchecked in its course of carnage and murder. Nearly a million lives have been lost and nearly a million and a half are dying of disease. The military cost incurred is more than eight billion dollars and commercial losses of twelve billion dollars. This is the result of nearly a half a century of continuous preparation for war. The wives who have been made widows, children orphans, hunger, disease and untold suffering of millions of innocent persons both in and out of the war zone. The Pope of Rome and the women and ministers of the gospel of Christian lands are praying for peace. The war is teaching the gospel of peace through a lesson so shocking and terrible that the most indifferent cannot fail to understand. The warring nations have not become sufficiently exhausted to sober the participating nations to put them in a frame of mind to cause them to desire peace. No great decisive victory in battle has been won by either side, but within the next few months there may be events which will see the beginning of the end, but at present we cannot see as much cause for hopefulness as some who prophesy the end of the war before summer is ended.

PROVIDENCE NEWS

Miss Edith Macon and Mr. Talmage Neece were elected representatives to attend the State Baraca-Philatheta convention at Raleigh, April 22-25, from Providence classes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Barker and Miss Elsie, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Barker.

Several from around here attended the Guilford county Commencement Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Siler have returned from Florida and have decided to live in North Carolina.

TRINITY ITEMS

Miss Nell Parkin entertained the Trinity Book Club Saturday afternoon. The artist Velasquez was the painter chosen for discussion, which proved to be quite interesting. Refreshments were served in the dining room, which was beautifully decorated. As the guests entered, strains of soft music filled the air and continued to blend with the chattering and laughter during the repast. The mellow light of candles cast its radiance over the exquisitely set table into the snowy linen and silver. The refreshments of salad, tea and coffee, followed by ice cream, cake and mints, made all feel that nothing else could have been half so satisfying. Miss Nell, who is always a gracious hostess, was unusually attractive and charming.

John Council, of Hickory, was in town Saturday.

George Bell returned Friday from a fishing trip to Aberdeen and Pinehurst. He was the guest of J. J. Farria, of High Point, who with a party of friends motored down on Wednesday.

Mrs. F. H. Wood returned home Friday from a visit to Mrs. J. J. Farria in High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Paul, who have been quite sick from grip, are out again.

Miss Jewel Parkin and a number of friends motored to Greensboro to the matinee Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Craven, their little son, and Robert Ellis went to Winston-Salem Saturday.

Mr. H. H. Hayes was at home for the week-end.

Miss Lula Harris is visiting Mrs. D. M. Ballance in High Point.

W. S. Weeks is here to see his mother, Mrs. Jane Weeks, who has been quite sick for the past week, but is now improving.

G. T. Wood and family and D. M. Ballance and family, of High Point, were in town yesterday.

TRINITY ITEMS

There are signs of life and progress in this section. Mr. Kennedy is going right ahead with building the new road, and the farmers are working in this fine weather. Larger crops than in many years before are being planted.

We are very sorry to hear of Mrs. Jane Week's illness.

Jarrell Parkin attended the ball game in Greensboro on the 10th.

Miss Pearl Harris returned from Winston last Wednesday where she has been visiting Mrs. Kearns for a few days.

Mr. John Hill is building a pretty road from where the Trinity road joins the Thomasville road to Mr. Tom Finch's residence.

Prof. and Mrs. N. C. English spent Sunday in Greensboro, with relatives.

Mrs. Samuel English has returned home after spending the winter in Columbia, S. C.

Miss Nelly Parkin was hostess to the Saturday afternoon Book Club, the 17th. The home was beautifully decorated with spring blossoms and after roll call, the Spanish artist Velasquez was the subject for the evening. Mrs. Carpenter read a sketch of his life and some of his pictures in miniature was enjoyed. Miss Harris invited all into the dining room, beautifully lit with candles where several courses were served. New selections on Victrola were very much enjoyed. After a charming meeting we left looking forward to meeting with Mrs. J. C. Pepper, two weeks hence.

PRIMARY GRADES OBSERVE PATRONS DAY

The children of the primary grades observed Patrons Day Friday by giving an operette, "The Carnival of the Months." Following is the program: September—Recitation, School Day, Wiley Croker of the third grade. Song—School Days, Children of the primary department. October—Drill, Boys of the third grade. November—Song, "Shakin' Quakers," boys and girls of the second grade.

Story and Pantomime—Pilgrims, by John Hadley and children of the third grade. December—Recitation, "Ef Your Good," children of the first grade. Cradle Song—Boys and girls of the first grade.

January—Play, "Muffin Man," children of the second grade. February—Play and Song, "Making of the Flag," children of the first and second grade.

March—Drill, "Overall Boys and Sunbonnets Babies," children of the first grade. Song, "Bird's Nest," children of the first grade.

April—Pantomime, "Bobby Shaftoe," children of the first grade. Drill—"Topsy Turvy," first grade.

May—Crowning of May Queen Girls of the second and third grades. Each number of the program was rendered successfully and this feature proved to be one of the best that has been given here on Patrons Day.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Sunday the 18th, about one hundred people gathered in the beautiful grove at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, near Worthville and celebrated Mrs. Hill's seventy-fourth birthday. The weather was ideal, and this added to the occasion. The table looked to be a hundred feet long covered with beautiful white linen and well loaded with dainty edibles. After a few brief remarks by the writer we all sang, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," thanks were returned then the next thing in order was eating, and this was what the people did. So far we could not see that the change in the season had effected any one's appetite that was present. All seemed to relish and enjoy the food. Nobody seemed to enjoy the occasion more than Mrs. Hill, who has attained unto a ripe old age, yet is lively and full of talk. She is a member of the Methodist church and likes to talk about the old time religion. She said the occasion reminded her of the camp meeting years ago. Mr. Hill is in his seventieth year and seems to be in good health. May the Lord's blessings rest upon the old folks, and say we all live to enjoy many such delightful times in the prayer of the writer. W. A. WAY.

RANDLEMAN GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The closing exercise of the Randleman graded school will take place May 1-3. Saturday night, May 1, the high school grades will give a play, "The Deacon" a comedy drama in four acts. Proceeds of the play for the benefit of the school.

Sunday night, May 2, the annual sermon will be preached by Rev. Melton Clark, pastor First Presbyterian church, Greensboro, N. C.

The graduating exercises will be held Monday night after which the literary address will be delivered by Dr. H. W. Chase, of the department of education, of the State University.

The following young people compose the graduating class: Chas. Christenberry, Loulu Curtis, Rouse Hayes, Ruby Hughes, May Parsons, Epsie Rike, Freda Sinclair, Neal Sheffield, Chas. Sheffield, Glenna Floyd, Neal Nalwegie, Lucy Trogdon.

NEW AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

Cash or on time, will trade for old cars, horses or mules. B. F. McDOWELL, Asheboro, N. C.

FOR RENT—My home place in west Asheboro, 10 large rooms—several acres of good land, apply to JOHN M. HAMMER, Greensboro, N. C.

FOR SALE—A young milk cow, fresh. W. C. HAMMER.

A SIX ROOM COTTAGE, in South Asheboro, on Fayetteville street, for rent. Apply to Mrs. Jennie Hanceck.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. Apply to R. R. Ross, Asheboro, N. C.

HELP WANTED—I can use a number of able-bodied men and teams for road work at once. Write or apply to H. H. KENNEDY, Progress, N. C.

FOR RENT—One two story five room dwelling in west Asheboro for rent at \$4.00 per month. One two room dwelling, outside corporate limits, on the South of Asheboro at \$2.00 per month. Apply to WM. C. HAMMER, Asheboro, N. C.

WATER WHEEL—We have for sale one second hand S. Morgan Smith Co. 18 inch water wheel in good shape, taken out to put in larger wheel. COLUMBIA MFG CO. RAMSEUR, N. C.

WANTED—Hustling agents, men and women, to sell our specialties. Live proposition. ACME SPECIALTIES, Charlotte, N. C.

Have your groceries weighed on Mr. John J. Turner's new Money-Weight Scales, the only ones in town. Accurate to the smallest fraction of an ounce.

IF YOU have anything that you want to trade for a new automobile, see me at 4 U trade. B. F. McDOWELL, Asheboro, N. C.

NOTICE

Take notice that the commissioners of the town of Asheboro have ordered a new registration for election of Mayor and other municipal officers, which election is to take place on Tuesday, the 4th day of May, 1915; that the books will be open for registration on the 16th day of April, 1915.

Done by order of the board. C. C. CRANFORD, Mayor. A. R. WINNINGHAM, Sec. Dated March 17th, 1915.

Somebody Told Me

times were dull but I don't believe that, and I am not going to growl and kick; I'll let the dogs do the growling and the mules the kicking while I keep on selling groceries and keeping things lively around my place. Come and see---I have the goods, prices and quality.

A. O. FREE

Quick Service

Sale of Personal Property at TRINITY, N. C.

Thursday, May 6th, 1915

At 10 O'clock

I will sell, on the above date, at Trinity, N. C., to the highest bidder, for cash, all of the personal property belonging to Mrs. E. C. Heitman, deceased, consisting of Dressers, Washstands, Sideboards, Book Cases, Books, Beds, Tables, Chairs, Hall Rack, Range, and many other articles.

On the same date, and at the same place, John W. Hill will sell several suites of Furniture, consisting of Beds, Dressers, Washstands, Tables, Chairs, Bed Springs, and a lot of other property around the house and barn. My reason for selling this property is that having sold my home place here, and can not use it. All of the above property will be sold regardless of price, and the sale will begin promptly at 10 o'clock. Come and buy what you want.

R. B. TERRY,

Admr. Mrs. E. C. Heitman Estate.

JOHN W. HILL,

of the Second Described Property.

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