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With two college professors running against each other for Governor in Virginia we may expect no mud slinging, but what will happen to the adjectives and adverbs of the better sort will be a plenty.

HOME COMING WEEK

An effort is to be made this year to restore the prestige enjoyed for many years by the State Fair at Raleigh. The Legislature gave its endorsement to the project by setting aside October 13-19 as "Home Coming and State Fair Week." It is further planned that each county that is willing to participate shall have a home-coming on October 12-13. The plan is to invite all former residents to come back and for a time renew the old ties and incidentally see what progress has been made by their former neighbors. Affairs of this sort may be made very interesting and they have a certain amount of advertising value that is not to be despised. It might be well for our people to consider the matter and see whether they want to participate in the undertaking or not.

BIG CONTEST BREWING IN THIRD DISTRICT

The Third Congressional district has had some hard fought battles during its history and it seems that next year it will have another experience of the kind. Congressman Abernethy it appears will be opposed by the Honorable John S. Hargett of Jones county for the nomination of the Democratic party for Congress. Mr. Abernethy has been through three strenuous primary fights, was defeated in two of them and was successful in the last. He has had plenty of experience in politics and is prepared to give any opponent all the fighting he wants. However he is opposed by a man who is also no amateur in politics. Mr. Hargett has been an active politician most of his life. He was sheriff of Jones county several terms and served as State senator for three terms. At present he holds a position with the State Department of Conservation and Development. The fact that these two experienced and forceful politicians are going to oppose each other means that the Democratic primary next year will have plenty of fireworks.

NOT ALTOGETHER BAD TO HAVE HIGH TAXES

We note from our exchanges that taxes are being reduced in a good many counties in North Carolina this year. Carteret, unfortunately, is not among the number; on the contrary there will be a slight increase in an already high rate. This is the direct outcome of large expenditures for roads, bridges and other purposes. Some counties have very little paved roads except what the State has built for them. Some of the large, wealthy counties have done considerable paving on their own account but the small ones as a rule have not very much in the way of building hard surfaced roads. Carteret county has considerable mileage of paving, some of which was not absolutely necessary and might very well have been postponed for a few years. But we have the roads and there is no disputing the fact that they are very useful. They are especially beneficial to the farmers. A farm that is cut off from the rest of the world by mud for half the year has very little value. In the trucking business especially, good roads are necessary in order to move perishable crops quickly. So while we may groan some under our tax burden it is well to remember that the situation is not hopeless. The county is developing rapidly and it will not be so very long before the taxes will begin to come down. This may happen next year.

THE VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN

One would need to be a very wise man to be able to forecast accurately the result of the election in Virginia next November. The Democratic primary of last week which selected Dr. John Garland Pollard, who is a college professor, as the candidate for Governor in doing that guaranteed a hot fight during the campaign. Dr. Pollard is the candidate of what is sometimes called the Democratic "machine" of Virginia. In the primary he had the support of most of the leading Democratic politicians and he is assured of that support for the November election. That support means a sure enough fight.

The independent Democrats—or anti Smith Democrats as they prefer to call themselves—and the Republicans are supporting another college man Dr. William Moseley Brown. Behind him he has an army headed by the redoubtable Bishop Cannon that, encouraged by its success last year, goes into battle believing in its own power to win a victory. It is assured that the Virginia campaign this year is not going to be a sham battle, as political contests sometimes are. Ordinarily in a Virginia election one would be as certain of a

Democratic victory as that the sun would rise the next day. There is no such certainty now. Times have changed in "Ole Virginny" as they have in some of the other southern states. Many people were astonished at what happened in the South last November. From now on they will not be astonished at anything in the political line. The outcome in Virginia will be awaited with uncertainty and a great interest.

SOUTH SHOULD SHARE IN BENEFITS OF TARIFF

As it does from time to time Congress has gotten around to another battle over the tariff. A tariff committee has been in session in Washington, despite the hot weather, and of course considerable wrangling has been going on. Some of the Western Republicans and most of the Democrats in Congress are opposing the proposed tariff bill, claiming that it discriminates against the farmers and favors the manufacturers. Those who favor the bill contend that if the manufacturing industry prospers that it helps the farmers by creating a market for their products and that in the long run everybody gets the benefit in one way or another.

The platform adopted at Houston last year was rather favorable to the protectionist plan. Some Democrats repudiated it but Governor Smith made his campaign on it very largely. There are several Democratic senators and members of the House from the South who usually vote for protection on the product of their own sections even if they are opposed to protection for other localities. In North Carolina some of our Congressmen favor protection for the peanut growers and some are willing to help out the cotton mill industry a bit. But when it comes to levying duties that are helpful to the great industries of Pennsylvania or New England they are against protection. This is rather inconsistent and the result may be that southern products that need protection may not get it. It has been proposed to put a tariff duty on tomatoes, onions, beans, cabbage, an additional duty on sheep and goats, on wool and mohair and other farm products. If Southern Congressmen want these and other products of Southern farms and factories protected they might do well to favor the bill as a whole. A tariff bill is certainly going to be enacted. Southern Congressmen should try to get as much benefit for their constituents from the bill as possible.

Press Gleanings

You can take lessons by mail to increase you will power or you can practice getting up at night for another blanket.—Akron Beacon-Journal.

Josephus Daniels says that within ten years Uncle Sam will be in the League of Nations or something just like it, which indicates that Josephus is about as good a prophet as Boston is a baseball team.—National Republic.

Yet a jealous wife would be just as mad if she knew what her husband's stenographer really thinks of him.—San Francisco Chronicle.

FLAG AT ITS BEST

We like the flag best when it is flying from the homes of a community. Rippling from the flagpole of a stately building, it is seen from afar, but the story it tells when flying from a home seems more intimate, more personal. Furthermore, the American home, under the protection of the flag made the tall building possible. Toledo Blade.

A GOOD NEWSPAPER—A GOOD TOWN

No one can deny it. A city is also judged by its daily newspaper. If its newspaper has a standard in its treatment and display of news in its features and in its editorial columns, these facts soon make their impression. If the newspaper is insufficient, the city will suffer. No institution has a more serious relation to a city's reputation than a city's newspaper.—Brookfield (Mo.)

SCHOOLS BRINGING UP GENERATION OF READERS

A few years ago much was said about the small number of books read by the school children of North Carolina and of what poor readers North Carolinians were in general. Figures recently made public show that children are no longer lagging with their reading. More than 1,200,000 library books were read by children in the standard elementary schools alone during the past school year. In these schools there are over 279,000 volumes with more than 113,000 of these in the rural schools. These carefully selected books have been widely read. The records show that over 70,000 rural children read library books and that 600,000 volumes were loaned during the year. In the standard elementary schools in the towns of North Carolina there are more than 165,000 library books being read by 60,000 children. In other elementary schools, libraries are being built up and the children are taking advantage of the good reading thus offered them by the schools.

A report made by the state superintendent of public instruction states: "Five years ago, except in some of the cities, very few elementary schools had even small libraries, and only here and there in the rural schools were books found suitable for the children below the high school. At that time, in the larger rural schools, there was a total of less than 8,000 books for more than 100,000 children enrolled."

These figures show that the public schools of North Carolina are bringing up a generation of readers. They are to be commended for deepening the interest of children in the reading of good books and helping them to become acquainted with good literature. There is no more profitable form of recreation than that of reading the right sort of books, and if children are trained to enjoy good books early in life there is little danger that the questionable literature will ever have an appeal for them.—(Smithfield Herald.)

Letters From Our Readers

A LETTER FROM MR. McCAIN

Editor Beaufort News: I want to write a short letter. I see that Mr. F. B. Klein has sent in his resignation as a member of the board of commissioners. I suppose that Mr. Klein was not satisfied with what was going on in some ways. Now there are some ways I didn't like, one was not letting the State take over the roads and maintain them under state supervision but I am not willing to trust another set of Democrats to take charge of the business yet. I want you all to understand that. A few weeks ago the present board had the previous board up so they might find out something and they didn't find out very much else I haven't seen it and I heard they give Mr. Hamilton until August to make out his report and I haven't seen it yet.

Now some tell me that Mr. Klein was opposed to the present board going into any investigation with them. Now my friends I think if there was any wrongs done under the previous board I think the public ought to know it so we can look out in future elections and get better men for our officers.

My dear readers I see in the Beaufort News where log school houses have disappeared only 28 left in the state. My friends look around and see how many poor families have been disposed of their homes by the building of costly school houses and good roads and money being spent extravagantly all over the state and counties and see how many are getting cars and are speeding and killing themselves. You can't pick up a paper but what you can see of several that have killed themselves or some one else. I think it is time for the car builders to stop making cars to run so fast. I think best to fix the speed gears so they can't run over 25 miles an hour for I think people are running too fast and also living too fast.

Last Friday night I was told that Mr. Webb's son was running about eighty miles an hour when he lost control of his car and had a wreck and a young lady with him was killed and came near killing himself. Now you know the old must die and the young may die but we are commanded not to kill and I just as soon hear of some one shooting his friend as of a wreck murder. Now we had better make ready to die. You know the good book says "be ye also ready for ye know not the day nor the hour when the son of man cometh."

Now there are lots of things going on I don't like but I have made up my mind and am going to stick to it that we need not expect to see things get any better until there is more economy used.

From your friend for justice,

E. L. McCAIN,

Newport Aug. 12

INVESTMENTS IN PORTS AS WAY TO COMPEL FAIR FREIGHT RATES

Recommendation by the board of directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad that \$300,000 be spent immediately in creating a port at Morehead City is not as preposterous as it sounds when it is remembered that there was a request before the last General Assembly for \$300,000 to start a general complaint against all freight rates east of the Mississippi River prejudicial to North Carolina.

Perhaps such an appropriation would have had the effect of forestalling the recent preliminary victory of Virginia cities over North Carolina cities in the matter of freight rates, a victory which threatens to overturn all the advantages won by North Carolina in the matter of freight rate adjustments in the last twenty years.

Perhaps such an appropriation would have had no such effect, for it must be remembered that the Virginia cities are not taking any freight-rate drubbing at the hands of North Carolina lying down.

And in the matter of what advantages Virginia has or may obtain in the matter of freight rates it must be remembered that the factor of Virginia's ample ports plays no little part in the freight rate favoritism shown our northern neighbor.

Cameron Morrison's machinations as Governor of North Carolina have been cursed and discussed. He had his victories and his defeats. His conduct of the financial machinery of the State was not to the liking of the administration which followed him, but he put into operation a highway-building organization that has not had its equal in America for efficiency or economy and, although a politician himself, placed at the head of the road-building organization a man whom he knew could not be touched by politics.

Another hobby of Morrison's was ports. He fought for a State-supported port at the mouth of the Cape Fear. He stressed the advantage that such a port would give North Carolina in the matter of freight rates. The port proposition went to a vote of the people and was beaten. Now North Carolina faces what experts tell us is freight-rate disaster.

Maybe Morrison was right. In any event, it strikes us that if the State must sink large sums of

Mother's Hollyhocks

By A. J. Dunlap



There's a hollyhock down by the gate
All aflame in the warm summer air,
And the fair hand is withered with age
That so carefully planted it there.
When she's gone from the old family circle,
To the quiet repose of the tomb
There'll be beautiful memories of mother
When the hollyhocks burst into bloom.

There are wonderful flowers of the spirit;
Lovely blossoms with petals of gold
That will bloom in our memories forever,
When the haubles of life are grown old.
We'll remember her singing at twilight,
Rock of Ages and Never Alone;
Of the temple not builded with hands
And angels around the white throne.

And she planted the red rose of courage
In our hearts with an infinite care,
With the daisies of kindness and mercy,
And the blue bells of penitent prayer.
Though our lives may be tumbled and twisted
I am sure that in gladness or gloom,
There'll be wonderful memories of mother
When the hollyhocks burst into bloom.

money in fighting for equitable freight rates that such money were better sunk in ports and harbors than in lawyers' fees and briefs to the always inimical Interstate Commerce Commission.—(Raleigh Times.)

Sago trees flower but once.

The best willow for furniture comes from France.

Golf by electric light is being

tried out at the Winchester Country Club near Boston.

The dirtiest street in the world is that of Tchangsi, Nankin, China.

According to Tillo, the mean depth of the ocean is 12,550 feet.

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