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As you cannot do what you wish, you should wish to do what you can.—Terence.

Hon. John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the Treasury, under Cleveland, died at his home in New York Sunday. He was a man of a big brain.

It is given out that nine cotton-growing States are producing more corn than the average Eastern and Western State. North Carolina produces 41,383,000 bushels annually.

Mr. A. H. Eller, of Winston-Salem, has been re-elected chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. W. E. Brock, of Wadesboro, was elected secretary of the Committee.

Governor Mann, of Virginia, has appointed former Governor Claude A. Swanson, of Chatham, to succeed the late John W. Daniel in the United States Senate. We expect the appointment is a wise one.

The Republicans of Ohio have nominated Mr. W. G. Harding for Governor. The platform adopted by the convention endorses President Taft for renomination in 1912, and praises his administration.

After the next election Texas will run North Carolina a close race for having the handsome governor in the union, if the Houston Post's picture of Mr. Colquitt does not greatly flatter him.—Charlotte News

The South has made a wonderful increase in population during the past ten years as the fourth coming census will show. Several additional Congressmen will be gained. It is thought North Carolina will get one more.

The Greenville Reflector puts it very strong when it says:

"To argue that prohibition is a farce and should be repealed because the law is not strictly enforced, is no more sensible than to say that the law against murder and larceny should be repealed because they are not always enforced."

Now that our farmers are about through working their crops we suggest that our Good Roads Association ought to hold some meetings at different points in the county and talk good roads. The people need educating along this line. Let us hear from you, gentlemen of the Good Roads Association. Get busy.

We are anxious to see good roads throughout the county. Other counties are forging along this line and we want to see old Halifax keep in line. We repeat again that our road commissioners could show their interest in good roads by building one or more miles of sand-clay roads. To do this would give the people an example to look at and talk about.

The Sixth district muddle is still very muddy. Godwin wants to go over the nomination again by calling a primary vote for that district. Clark says that he is the regular nominee and all disputes should be laid before the district or State executive committee and that he is willing to abide by their decision. With the two democrats in the race it looks very much like the Republicans can carry the district.

Major Charles M. Steadman has been nominated for congress by the Democrats of the Fifth district. It was a long drawn out fight in the convention but Major Steadman won on the 438th ballot by a majority of 23 votes over the other candidates. Major Steadman is a strong candidate, a scholar, soldier and christian gentleman and the voters of the Fifth district will rally around the flag and send him to Congress.

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The Charlotte News in commenting upon the defeat of William J. Bryan says:

"Since the defeat of Mr. Bryan's local option proposition by the Nebraska democratic convention newspapers all over the country have been announcing that gentleman's political demise. This reminds the Spartanburg Herald of Mark Twain's comment upon a premature notice of his own death—"The news of my death was greatly exaggerated." Those who are so sure that Mr. Bryan is shelved had better keep their belief to themselves for a while if they wish to be considered good political profits."

**The South of the Future.**

In reverence of Old Glory's stars and stripes I yield to no man North or West. But for the South every true Southerner must feel a distinct and peculiar affection. That she is behind the North and West in many respects, we grant. The people of the South live yet in shabbier houses; there are too many ramshackle barns; the fields are less thoroughly plowed, patches instead of broad, well-kept fields, and the land has been too often neglected and allowed to wash. The beautiful herds of cattle, the sleek Percheron plow-horses two or three abreast, the trim lawns, the great red barns—these are no longer the rule as in the West. There are also fringes of disreputable looking cabins on the edges of these Southern towns, and too often the white people, from association with the lower ideals of neatness and thrift on the part of a more backward race, seem to have suffered a pitiful sagging of their own racial standards. The roads here are in worse condition; there are ten times as many people who can't read and write, and the schools are yet by no means as efficient as in the North and West.

And yet in spite of all these things I would not live in the West. Rather must the true Southerner feel that because of these things the call is all the more imperative for him to stay in the South. The task of betterment, the task of improving these conditions—this is his, and he dare not run away from it. As well might a soldier desert his post in time of battle. If your neighbor's field is plowed, do not wish for it, but plow your own well; if your neighbor's children are well educated, do not wish for his, but educate your own. And so our duty is not to covet the beauty and thrift and enterprise of the West, but to give our lives to bringing to the South the same high degree of beauty and thrift and progressiveness.

To educate all our boys and girls in longer and better and more practical public schools and to educate our older people through farm papers and demonstration work and farmers' institutes, etc.—this must be our main hope of deliverance.—Clarence H. Poe, in Raleigh, (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

**Out Ran The Train.**

Hobgood, N. C., Aug. 1st, 1910.—The people of Scotland Neck will be highly delighted to know their old friend, John H. Lewis, has fully recovered from the rheumatism. And is now able to out run any Atlantic Coast Line Train on the road, as evidenced Monday morning in Hobgood. Feeling young and fresh he waited around the station, and ignored all signals, deliberately defied old forty nine's forty five mile schedule by bracing himself on the right of way to make a regular catamount leap. But not thinking the speed sufficient, he turned side to for a nimble race until sufficient speed had been gained whereupon he slung his grip with the accuracy of a noted base ball pitcher, grabbed the hand rail, made the leap, greeted all the by standers with a polite bow and gathered up his grip and walked in the first class car still smoking his forty four.

Determine that hereafter you will always have a green winter cover on your land and never let a field lie bare and leach its fertility through the winter.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

**Call for Democratic Primary Election.**

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned by the Democratic Executive Committee of Halifax county, I hereby name FRIDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1910, as the date for holding the Primary Election to nominate candidates for the General Assembly, county and township offices.

The polls will be open at the voting precincts of each township from 7:00 o'clock a. m., to 6:00 o'clock p. m., and no longer.

The several candidates for legislative and county offices shall at least five days prior to the primary elec-

tion file with the clerk of the superior court a notice in writing of their candidacy.

All Democrats who in good faith intend to abide the result of the primary are cordially invited to participate in the same, and express their individual choice for the different positions to be named regardless as to how they voted in the last election.

By order of the committee.  
I. E. GREEN,  
Acting Chairman Dem. Ex. Com.  
Halifax County.  
July 22, 1910.

**To be a Big Meeting.**

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress which holds its sixth annual convention in Washington, D. C., December 7, 8 & 9 will bring together a notable body of men and women and who are interested in the development of the waterway of the United States. Efficient means of transportation is a necessity of modern civilization. This is peculiarly the case in a nation of such magnificent distances as ours and where an exchange of products is an absolute essential to the happiness, comfort and progress of the people.

President Taft, who has shown the liveliest possible interest in making the rivers do their preparation of transporting the heavier and bulkier products of the farm, mine and factory, and who confidently looks to the time when the waterways of the United States will be carrying their share of commerce, will open the convention. It is expected that Ex. President Roosevelt will also deliver an address with special reference to the rivers of Europe which he had occasion to carefully investigate during his recent trip to Africa.

A representative of King George of England will be present as will representatives from other European countries and South America.

**Some Things to Past in Your Hat.**

The Monroe Journal says: In his speech here yesterday, Mr. E. E. Milhiss, a successful farmer of Iredell county, said:

"If a man has been living on the same farm ten years and it is poor, it is his fault.

"There has never been any system of farming anywhere that has or will permanently be successful without livestock."

Mr. A. L. French, another successful farmer, said: "go where ever you will and the men who are making big yields are those who are using modern methods and big plows. You can't find a man who has ever grown big yields of corn by the use of a one-horse plow and a turn plow for a cultivator. Isn't it time for men to quit talking about farming in the old way?"

**Make the Home Beautiful.**

The whole farm looks different when it is set off by a beautifully painted farm home, and it seems to me that it must make a difference in the spirit of every member of the family. A pretty home inspires an atmosphere of pride and cheerfulness which will not give young and old a certain added dignity but also make everybody on the place do better work. It is a common saying that where a good road is put alongside a shabby house, the owner of the house is very quick to make improvements, so as to have his home in harmony with the good road. And on the same principle, if a man has a beautiful home he is likely to begin to improve his farming practice and quit any piddling and shiftless methods that would be out of keeping with his house.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

**Negligees Will Often do For Evening Wear.**

Some of the imported negligees displayed in the smart shops are quite luxurious enough to serve for evening gowns, should their purchasers be minded so to use them. With a princess slip of soft silk or satin for the foundation, and over this two—or sometimes three—veilings of pale-hued chiffon, supplemented by trimmings of costly lace, these sartorial extravagance seem quite too dainty for mere negligee wear.

For the most part such models are used mainly for copying in a modified form and in less expensive materials. Chiffon and chiffon cloth are, however, being much used for smart negligees, which many women use for informal evening wear at home.—The New Idea Woman's Magazine for August.

"A million dollars seems a trifle high, daughter."  
"But he has a patent of nobility, dad."  
"Well, let's be a bit cautious. When does the patent expire?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**The Old Clock.**

"Where do all the minutes go?"  
"Don't know, don't know."  
"Why do some go very slow?"  
"Don't know, don't know."  
"Why do some, then, hurry so?"  
"Don't know, don't know."

"If I asked you very low, Could you tell me where they go?"  
"No, I can't tell where they go; Where they come from, I don't know; Only that they come and go, That is all I seem to know."  
—The New Idea Woman's Magazine for August.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
To Democratic Voters of Halifax County:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for a seat in the lower branch of the next General Assembly from Halifax County, subject to the action of Democratic Primaries to be held August 19th.

W. T. CLEMENT.

**FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.**

I take this method of notifying the voters of Halifax county that I am a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds in the coming Democratic primaries subject to the action of said primaries. I desire to ask all of my friends for their support.

D. H. JAMES.

An old Confederate veteran.

**COUNTY TREASURER.**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Treasurer of Halifax County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries. Any support given me will be greatly appreciated.

This August, 2, 1910.

J. E. BOWERS.

**CLERK OF COURT.**

To the Democratic Voters of Halifax County:—I desire to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County for the coming term, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries, to be held August 19, 1910. I desire to thank the Democrats of the county for their past favors, and assure them that if I am chosen by them for this office, I will give them the most efficient service of which I am capable.

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