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OUR FINANCIAL GROWTH.

Mr. Ivey Watson, cashier of the Bank of Enfield, has compiled a very interesting statement showing the condition of all banks in Halifax County at the close of business Feb. 25, 1902 and then again at the close of business Feb. 20, 1912—a period of ten years. We make a few extracts from these comparative statements as follows:

First, ten years ago there were only five banks in the County as follows: Bank of Weldon, Bank of Enfield, Scotland Neck Bank, First National Bank, and Bank of Littleton. These five banks had a total capital stock of $58,050.00; cash in vaults, $149,823.08; deposits, $352,481.42; total resources, $495,885.73.

Second, in ten years the number of banks has increased to eleven and are as follows: Bank of Enfield, Bank of Weldon, Frst National Bank, of Weldon, Commercial & Farmers Bank, of Enfield, Bank of Littleton, Planters & Commercial Bank, of Scotland Neck, Planters Bank, of Littleton, Scotland Neck Bank, Bank of Roanoke Rapids, Bank of Halifax, and Bank of Hobgood. These eleven banks show a total capital stock of $165,000.00; cash in vaults, $403,154.75. deposits, $1,188, 895.51; total resources, $1,581,257.82.

The above figures show a pretty substantial and healthy growth for ten years and we are pleased to record the fact.

THE GOSPEL OF GOOD ROADS.

The editor of World's Work, Walter H. Pope, preaches a strong gospel for good roads when he says:

"In a dark corner of one of the Southern states—a county God had forgotten and few men had discovered, the sparse population arose a year or two ago and said to one another: 'People go to places where there are good roads. We have bad roads. Few people come here. Let's make good roads and see what will happen.' They went to work building good roads from Nowhere to Anywhere. County and township went into debt. Private persons put up money. By great agitation and much service they built road after road through the woods. And the scoffer said that nobody would ever travel them. A lonely, perfect highway through a thinly settled corner of the world; it did look foolish to incur a debt for that. But presently people came—in motor cars; then more came. Somebody discovered that the land along the highways was good land. It had been taken for granted that because it was not tilled it was of little value. Now its price has doubled—in places, quadrupled; prosperous farms already bloom where there was only waste before.

"Nor is this all. The people of the lonely and formerly unvisited region themselves had stayed at home for lack of roads that tempted them to travel. But, as soon as they had roads they began to go about. The more prosperous of them bought motor cars to fit the roads. They now go to the adjacent States, to the mountains, to the sea—wherever they will—in their touring cars. They are becoming a traveled folk."

President Taft is making a canvass for renomination.

Col. Roosevelt says that he is forced to take the stump and personally make the fight for the presidential nomination.

The news is now sent out that the South pole has been successfully discovered. We hope the weather will soon get warmer.

Brad Bagley Must Die.

The North Carolina Supreme Court has rendered a decision in which it says that Brad Bagley, who shot from ambush W. R. White at Williamston last August, must pay the penalty in the electric chair. Governor Kitchin will fix the date for the electrocution.

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HON. W. E. DANIEL'S CLAIMS.

Garland E. Midyette Declares he is The Man For Lieutenant Governor.

To the Editor:—It appears that the candidacy of the Hon. Walter E. Daniel for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor is meeting with encouragement from all sections of the State. This information is most gratifying to the friends of Mr. Daniel, who believe that he is worthy of the State's highest honors and that if nominated to this high and honorable position he would discharge its duties with fidelity and efficiency and in keeping with the history of the distinguished gentlemen who have held this position. Mr. Daniel is easily one of the State's strongest men. In the legal profession he is rightly regarded by his brethren of the bar as one of our ablest and most successful lawyers, and for a number of years in his section he has enjoyed a most lucrative practice and has been connected with some of the most important litigation. He was selected by Governor Glenn as one of the State's counsel in the recent litigation growing out of the controversy between the railroads and the State in the matters of the enforcement of the passenger rate act of the General Assembly of 1907, and for three consecutive terms he was the solicitor of this judicial district and was truly regarded as one of the State's most efficient and conscientious prosecuting attorneys. He represented his senatorial district in the Senate of 1907 and in the deliberations of that memorable session of our General Assembly he took a most active part and was conspicuous for the ability and faithfulness with which he served the interest of the people. In the disagreement between the House and Senate he was appointed one of the Senate conferees and his wisdom and good judgment was felt in the harmonizing adjustment of the differences between the two bodies. He is not a politician nor an office-seeker. If he were he no doubt would have been more highly honored. He is a man endowed with strong natural ability and to this he has added a collegiate training at Wake Forest College and many years of patient and indefatigable research. He has a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the State, its needs and its varied interests. He would preside with dignity, courtesy, impartiality and ability over the deliberations of the Senate.

In the coming campaign he would be a power on the stump, as he is one of the State's most effective and best debaters. But what is even more than what has been said, he is a man of high ideals and of unsullied character. In his town and county his influence has ever been for morality and those movements which have had for their purpose the moral, intellectual and material uplift of the people. Let the people nominate him for this high position and no mistake can be made and the truths of Democracy will be proclaimed by him on every stump in the State in such a formidable and attractive manner that no man whom the Republicans may name would be able to answer them. He has been a life-long Democrat and has ever been active in the promotion of the party's interests and in every campaign he has contributed freely of his means and talents to the service of the party.

GARLAND E. MIDYETTE.

Jackson, N. C., March 7, 1912.

Don't Get Excited Over Politics.

Both in the State and nation the political pot is boiling fast and furious. The leaders have pitched the campaign on a low plane and "like priest, like people." We could wish that the body of our people would go serenely on their way and refuse to take up the quarrels of the candidates, or allow themselves to get excited over the issues of the day. The year promises to give our business men a fine opportunity if they will push their business instead of trying to "save the country." We have all a plenty to do ourselves without going crazy over the trouble of other people. The politicians will be grieved, to be sure, if they are left to fight their battles alone, but this is exactly what ought to happen this year. South Carolina sets the whole world a good example of how not to do it. She gets red in the face and foams at the mouth. Neighbor turns against neighbor and friend against friend. Factions arise and fuss and fight and fume and when the clouds clear away, lo, Cole Blease comes out with a crown! While we people in North Carolina are in no danger of being afflicted with a man like Blease, we are in danger of damaging the spirit of friendship and fellowship among us by espousing rather too hotly the fortunes of a good man. For all the candidates before our people are decent gentlemen. But it is a bad habit to get into and grow excited and talk too loud. Keep out the pepper. A little of it is all right for seasoning but too much of it spoils the broth. The gentlemen who appeal to us for our votes have set us a bad example. Let us not follow it, but on the other hand, without yielding a jot or a title of our convictions, let us be charitable and tolerant with each other and "smile at Satan's rage."—Charity and Children.

Paint and "Paint."

Paint itself costs $2.40 per gallon, but remember that Linseed Oil costs only $1.00 per gallon, and that "paint" ready for use consists of 4 parts Paint and 3 parts Oil. Consequently it is plain—that you should buy Paint and Oil separately—mix them yourself—and so save 45 cents per gallon. Therefore buy L. & M. Paint (prepared in semi-paste form) mix three quarts of Oil to each 1 gallon L. & M. and make 1¾ galls. of Paint ready for use at $1.65 a gall.

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Notice!

To the Tax Payers of Scotland Neck:—

I have to make final settlement of taxes April 1st. All taxes not paid by that time property will be advertised and sold to pay same and cost. By order board town commissioners

G. H. JOHNSON,
City Tax Collector.

This March 12, 1912

Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by that deed of trust executed to me on the 7th day of March, 1911, by Alvin Tillery, and which is of record in Halifax county in book 226, at page 18, I shall sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., in front of Burroughs-Pittman-Weeler's Store, at 12:00 o'clock, that tract of land lying, being and situate in Halifax county, and State of North Carolina, and more fully described as follows:

That tract of land on which the said Alvin Tillery now resides and bounded by the lands of S. O. Purvis and N. B. Josey, the Stamper land and by the public road leading from Scotland Neck to Tarboro and being on the left hand side of said road, and containing two acres, more or less. Date of sale: Saturday, April 13th, 1912.

This 12th day of March, 1912.

S. A. DUNN, Trustee.
S. A. & R. C. Dunn, Attys.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Mrs. Delzora Robertson deceased, late of Halifax County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of February, 1913, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 28th day of February, 1912.

J. W. ROBERTSON, Administrator.
A. PAUL KITCHIN, Atty.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late George Clapp, this is to notify all persons owing said estate to make immediate payment to me, and all persons holding claims against said estate will file same with me or our attorney duly verified, before Feb. 28th 1913, or this notice will be pleaded at bar of recovery.

This Feb. 28th, 1912.

A. PAUL KITCHIN, Admr.
C. L. STATON, Atty.

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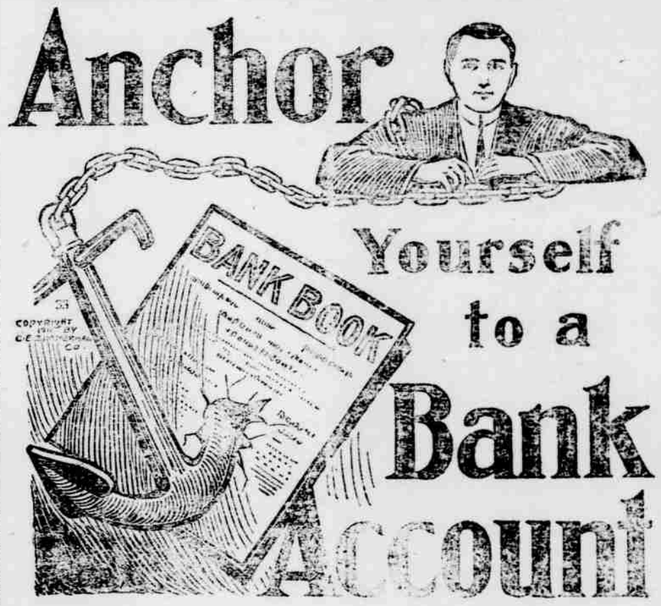

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