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OUR ROADS.

Mr. A. T. Dickens, with the chain gang, is certainly building some good roads in Conocerana township. There is no comparison between the work he is doing and the work being done by the road authorities of Palmyra, Rosemeath and Scotland Neck townships.

What is done must be done by the first Monday in October, for on that day the county commissioners will fully decide where they will send the chain gang when they finish their present work.

The man that succeeds in this life never sits still and "waits for something to turn up." No, that is not the way to succeed.

While it may appear from the surface that the Republican party in this State is very badly divided and will not put up much of a fight at the polls in November, yet we believe they will all get together before election day and will vote for one State ticket at least.

The Postoffice Department is preparing to put in operation January 1st, the recently authorized parcels post system.

"The postal express business, which must be organized within the next four months, will extend over more than a million miles of rural delivery and star routes and will cover, in its various ramifications, all systems of transportation of parcels now utilized by private express companies.

"The details of the parcels post system will be worked out by a series of committees composed of officers and experts of the department. The general executive committee consists of Chief Inspector Robert S. Sharp; Superintendent John C. Koons, of the division of salaries and allowances; Chief Clerk A. A. Fisher, of the second Assistant Postmaster General's bureau, and Superintendent Geo. L. Wood, of the division of rural mails.

The Democratic State Executive Committee met in Raleigh Thursday night of last week and settled the question, so far as the Senatorial primary is concerned, as to "who is a Democrat." After discussing the matter for several hours the committee passed the following resolution by a vote of 32 to 23. The resolution reads:

"Resolved, That the words, 'the Democratic ticket' as used by the State Democratic convention, with reference to the qualification of electors who shall have a right to vote in the Senatorial primary, be construed to mean all nominees of the Democratic party for office."

This means that before a voter can vote in the Senatorial primary he must have first voted everything in the general election boxes from Presidential electors straight on down, without a scratch, to and including township constable, if there should be one running.

The friends of the three Senatorial candidates voted for and against this resolution—the fact is no lines were drawn and the various members of the committee voted according to their own convictions.

There are various opinions as to which one of the candidates will gain or lose by this strict and rigid requirement, but we cannot see that it is going to help either one of the three men when the vote is considered throughout the State. But one thing we do see and that is that it will very likely do the party great harm.

Death of Mrs. Aub. E. Savage.

Last Friday night, September the thirteenth, about ten o'clock the death angel entered the home of Mr. Aub. Savage and took away his faithful and loving wife, Bessie.

She was sick about four weeks and during this time Bessie was tenderly cared for by relatives and friends, who did all in their power to save her life, but they could not stay death's cold hand.

Too much can not be said in her praise. She was a loving and faithful wife, kind and attentive mother, an affectionate daughter and sister, a good neighbor and a friend to be depended upon. She was an honest, upright Christian hearted woman always trying to do what she thought was right.

She was laid to rest at her home near Speed Saturday afternoon between four and five o'clock. She leaves a husband, three children, a father, stepmother, one sister and a host of friends to mourn their loss. "A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved so well, is stilled, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled."

A FRIEND.

Preaching at Rosemeath.

There will be preaching at Rosemeath church on the fifth Sunday at eleven o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Paint?

There are two good reasons for painting often-enough or even too-often. One, to look prosperous; two, to be so.

Nothing does one more credit or gives one more credit than paint, supplemented of course by what goes with it; and paint costs nothing.

True, the first cost is \$5 or \$6 a gallon put on; but it saves more than that in the property; saves it from slow going-down—not always slow—it drops with a jump when water gets in on wood and iron.

Dry wood and iron cost nothing, kept dry by paint.

Better paint when it needs it. Paint never goes-down in the sense of being more profitable next year.

DEVOE.

E. T. Whitehead Co. sell it.

"Voted Too Many Times With Boss Aldrich."

(Baltimore Sun (Wash. Bureau) Feb. 2, 1912.)

"SIMMONS AS CHAIRMAN."

"By the way, the story is being circulated here, in North Carolina and elsewhere that inasmuch as Senator Bailey is to quit and as Senator Simmons is the ranking Democrat next to Mr. Bailey on the Senate Finance Committee that Senator Simmons will become the Chairman of that great committee in the event the Democrats secure control of the Senate after March 4, 1913. The bare suggestion of the matter is already causing lively talk among the low-tariff Democrats in the Senate and House. Many are insisting that Mr. Simmons will never be Chairman of that Committee should the Democrats get control of the Senate and should he be given another term by the North Carolina Democrats, as they expect to pull the record on him and prove that he is one of the few Democrats who voted too many times with former Republican Boss Aldrich for high protective duties."

Strange that the leading journals supporting Woodrow Wilson are united in opposition to Senator Simmons! There is a reason! The Baltimore Sun is supporting Wilson.

Senator Simmons Should be Repudiated

Mr. Editor:—I have recently been in several counties in the central and eastern section of the State, and to my great pleasure I found Governor Kitchin's friends very enthusiastic over his daily increase of supporters. The plain people of North Carolina cannot understand why Senator Simmons will not meet Governor Kitchin in debate and defend his "special interests" record. Is it that he cannot? Is he afraid to face the Democratic voters with the Governor and correct or deny the charges preferred against him? If the charges are true as to his violation of Democratic principles, then he ought not to be re-elected. If they are untrue, then he ought to meet the Governor and let the people see he is sincere in his Democracy. If the Senator is afraid to stand up and meet the Governor in his own State and before his own constituents and defend his own record, I ask his most ardent supporters is he a fit person to send to the Senate to represent this grand Commonwealth?

Governor Kitchin has not said one word about Senator

Simmons' personal record. His charges are against his political record, which is always open for public discussion. No Democrat will deny this.

If Governor Kitchin were the only one who says Senator Simmons ought to be defeated there might possibly be some semblance of an excuse for the Senator to refuse to meet him, but such is not the case. The late lamented and honored ex-Governor Aycock, who was always one of Senator Simmons' close personal and political friends, in his last message to the Democrats of North Carolina said he should be defeated; Chief Justice Walter Clark says he should be defeated, and a great majority of the Democrats all over the State say he should be defeated.

His voting for Lorimer ought to defeat him. Why did he change in the last trial when there was no new evidence? Had he felt the people's pulse? His votes with Aldrich against the Democratic platform and for protection ought to prevent his re-election.

R. P. BYRD.

INTEREST INCREASES IN THE GREAT VOTING CONTEST.

Many Daily Inquiries About The Voting Are Being Made by Interested Ones.

Who Will Get The Ten Dollar Gold Piece? Trade With The Scotland Neck Merchants Giving Coupons.

Judging from the interest that has been manifested in the great prize voting contest so far, there is going to be a great scramble for the \$10.00 in gold that will be given to the contestant having the largest number of votes on October 22nd. The special prize is worth winning, and the contestants realize the fact. That the contest is a success is an assured fact. There has never been a contest in this locality where more or better prizes have been offered, or where there was more strict adherence, justice and equity to all participants. The Commonwealth desires to emphasize the point that every contestant will be afforded an absolute fair deal.

The names of the judges of the contest will be announced soon. Bear in mind the merchants who are giving coupons with every dollar purchase. When you trade at these stores be sure and ask for coupons. Every one little piece of paper bearing 25 votes may win for some friend of yours the beautiful \$400 Obermeyer & Son grand piano.

Get your friends to subscribe for The Commonwealth. For each one year new subscription you will receive 600 votes; renewals for one year, 500 votes; for each one year back subscription 400 votes. There is already a large list of contestants, but there is opportunity to nominate others. Fill out the nominating blank and send it to this office. Also cut out the free vote coupon and cast it for your favorite. In order that every contestant may

fully understand the votes of this contest, The Commonwealth wishes to state that the contestant having the largest number of votes during the contest will be awarded the piano as first prize, the one having the next largest number of votes will have first choice of the other prizes. The third largest will have her choice of the remaining prizes, and so on until all the prizes have been distributed.

Use the free coupon in this issue. If you know of any lady who has not been nominated whom you think would make a good race, use the nominating blank in this issue and send her name to this office or bring it in person and it will be entered.

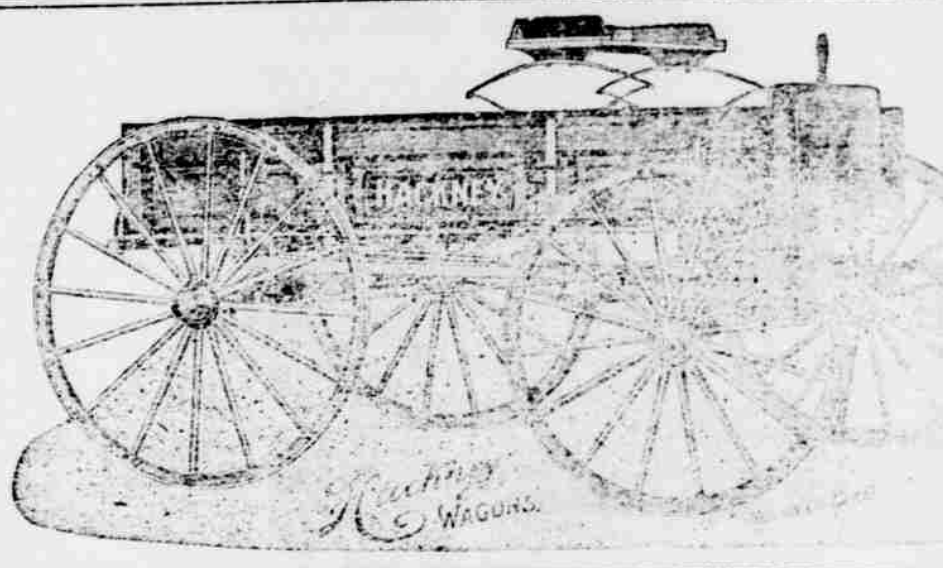
This is a popular voting contest—not necessarily a "young lady" voting contest. Read the rules and regulations on another page and govern yourself accordingly. Some one is going to receive these prizes, and you can help decide who it will be.

First count in contest will be Tuesday, October 22, 1912, at which time \$10.00 in gold will be awarded to the contestant receiving the largest number of votes.

Get busy and vote for your choice. The contest will be conducted squarely and no partiality will be shown to any one. Do it now and help some one reap the benefits of this liberal offer.

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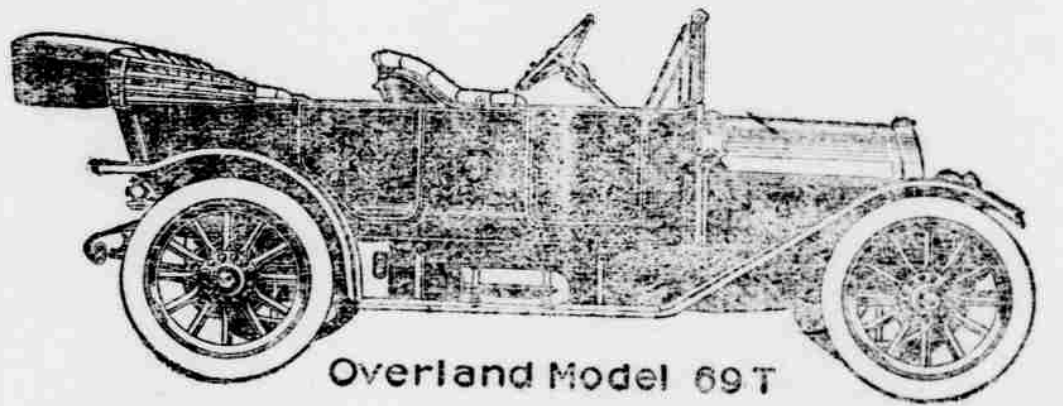
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25-VOTE COUPON. Send this coupon to The Commonwealth office within 15 days from date and it will count for Twenty-Five Votes. No money is required with this coupon. Vote for: September 12, 1912. Nominating Blank.—Popular Vote Contest. 1912. I hereby nominate or suggest the name of Address: as a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever. Signed: Address: