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No Stock Law for Them.

The southern half of Pleasant Grove township voted Tuesday, November 16th, on the stock law. Only fifteen votes were cast for it which shows they want no stock law on them. Still there is no harm in taking a vote occasionally as it lets everybody know how the matter stands. Some sections need it while others do not and the people should in all cases decide for themselves. This is our idea of the matter and so we have never pushed our views on the public.

**Died Suddenly on Train.**

We learn this morning just before going to press of the sudden death of Dr. J. B. Strachan who died on the train between Goldsboro and Princeton Wednesday night. He had been to Petersburg and other places to see his relatives, stopping on his way back at Rocky Mount to visit his daughter. He left Goldsboro about nine o'clock Wednesday night and when the conductor called for his fare he found that he was dead. Dr. Strachan was a leading citizen of his section and will be greatly missed.

**Miss Lillie Watson Entertains.**

Miss Lillie Watson entertained a few of her friends last Friday evening in honor of Miss Emily Nelson, of Florence, S. C.

The most enjoyable and interesting feature of the evening, was the contest for the prize, which consisted in answering questions with one word, which word should contain the word "cat." Misses Emily Nelson, Annie McGuire, Kate Woodall, Ella Myatt; Messrs. Seth Myatt and A. M. Noble, all having answered the questions correctly, a draw for the prize showed Miss Annie McGuire the winner. The prize, a pearl handle paper-cutter, was presented by Mr. A. M. Noble to the winner, who in turn presented it to Miss Nelson.

Music by Miss Lillie Watson and songs by Miss Anie Ibrie Pou, added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Those present were Misses Emily Nelson, Ella Myatt, Ima Allen, Annie Ibrie Pou, Annie McGuire, Ava Myatt, Katie Woodall, Amelia Myatt, Rosa and Annie Peacock; Messrs. T. W. Daniel, Richard Holt, Walter Grantham, Seth Myatt, J. A. Campbell, Albert M. Noble and Dr. A. H. Rose.

**The Miracle at Cherry.**

Devoted men, hazarding their lives in the effort to bring up dead bodies, have accomplished the unbelievable, and have drawn from the depths of the cherry mine scores of living human beings. A man who fights hard for his own life is a hero but little less admirable than the man who risks all for others. Never was there a more heroic fight for self-preservation than that waged by the entombed miners. And seldom has there been more glorious work than that of the courageous rescuers, who were inspired by but the faintest glimmer of hope.

From the depths of the Cherry abyss dead men have returned to life. Despair has given place to joy and hope. The squalid little town is today the happiest place on the surface of the earth.

The tale of Cherry is a modern romance. A Victor Hugo could scarcely do it justice. The long days and nights in the black prison, the hope that never completely fled; the desperate labor of 'ove of the rescuers, the Herculean energy, the tireless zeal—all make a picture of twentieth century humankind not often to be duplicated.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Blockade Still at Church.**

About two weeks ago Mr. J. P. H. Adams and his helpers went to Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist church in Pleasant Grove township and captured a blockade still in about twenty five yards of the church spring from which the people who attend there get water. The seizure took place while a burial was in progress. Mrs. Charley Ogburn was being buried. The parties owning the still were not captured.

**WE DID NOT BUY THE PIANO PROPOSITION.**

We have all heard it said that every dog has his day, and it is equally true that every fad has its run. Schemes and plans of various kinds are gotten up by men and companies of men to get people interested and get their dollars. After certain plans and schemes have been worked a while, and when the public loses interest in them, then others are hatched out to take their places. So there is constantly something at which the people can bite. Some of our readers will be surprised to know that several companies have recently been organized to sell advertising propositions. After such a company is organized the plan is to send out agents all over the country to sell these propositions to newspapers, merchants and any business firm who will buy them. Besides the advertising matter a cheap piano or some such thing is thrown in to make the offer go. Of course these companies and their agents make money and it has to come out of the pockets of the people. Business men will buy these propositions in order to interest the people and get patronage turned to their newspaper or their store or to their business, whatever it may be. These companies and their agents and the people to whom they sell know the general tendency of the public to engage in speculation and games of chance. Some time ago a leading agent of one of these companies came to us to sell an advertising proposition. In this proposition was a piano to be voted on and given away. After hearing what he said we told him we could not afford to be connected with anything of the kind. We are trying to make The Herald a good paper, and expect to sell it on its merits. If the people consider it a suitable paper to go into their homes and a paper worth having then we ask them to subscribe for it, but not otherwise. This plan of selling a cheap article at a regular price and throwing in a premium to get people to take it is not according to our idea of business. In all business matters we believe in an open field and a fair fight. Nothing but reliable goods and reasonable prices should count. We think the cash in advance system is best for all newspapers, because it gives the publishers money to work on as they get out the paper week after week, but we see no reason why subscribers should pay ahead two, three, four, or five years and some of them 8 and 10 years just to get a chance at a piano or other premium or to get some votes to give some one else to take a chance at these things. Our idea is that newspapers should discourage the people from taking stock in any games of chance. In this life things are uncertain enough, to make the best of them we can, without going out boldly in the fields of speculation. The Herald cannot afford to go into anything of this kind itself because we believe it wrong to do so. Besides our readers know that all along we have opposed everything of the kind. The cake with the ring in it, the card table, the lottery, dealing in cotton futures, betting on horse races and many contests which are considered innocent lead people away from safe and sound business principles. Let others take up with whatever they will, we are determined to have no connection with any such things. We did not buy the advertising proposition with the piano in it from the agent who came to see us.

**In the Courts.**

George Norris was up before his Honor Mayor Wellons Monday morning, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. After all the facts bearing on the case had been presented, Mayor Wellons imposed the usual fine, \$10.00 and costs.

In the United States Commissioner's Court, before J. A. Narron, Commissioner, on Tuesday, the 23rd, Dock Hinnaant and T. H. Harmon were indicted for having in their possession newly made brandy. They were not ready for trial, so the case of Dock Hinnaant was set for Monday, November 29th, while the case of T. H. Harmon was set for December 1st. They were both released under bond.

**Thanksgiving at Micro.**

A Thanksgiving service was held Thursday at Micro Baptist church. At 11 o'clock the Sunbeams gave recitations and speeches and entertained the audience for about thirty minutes. Mrs. C. L. Batten is the Sunbeam leader and she manages the children well. Mr. J. M. Beaty delivered the address after which a fine dinner was served. This church holds a Thanksgiving service every year and this is said to be the best ever held. A collection was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage.

**SELMA NEWS.**

Selma, Nov. 24.—We regret to learn that Hon. Claude W. Smith is to leave Selma and locate in Smithfield where he will practice law. Mr. Smith and his estimable wife will be a loss to Selma's society, and an addition to Smithfield.

Miss Ethel Winston is visiting relatives in Louisiana.

Mrs. J. W. Dowman, of Durham, visited Mrs. N. E. Edgerton last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Dowman lived here some three or four years, and, with Mr. Dowman and family, were universally beloved. We wish something would turn up by which Mr. Dowman and family could be moved back here.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop spent last night here. Mr. Bishop on his way to conference and Mrs. Bishop on her way to Wilmington.

Mrs. Thad H. Whitley has returned home after a visit to her daughter, Miss Maggie, who is teaching music at Apex.

Our fishermen have been having good luck for the past week.

Mr. N. E. Edgerton is in Raleigh this week attending the Methodist Conference. Rev. Mr. W. H. Puckett is also attending conference at Raleigh. He has been with us two years and has done a lot of good work here. It is hoped the Bishop will return him.

Miss Cora Richardson is at home now from a visit to relatives in South Carolina.

Mrs. M. C. Winston is visiting Mrs. C. J. Hunter in Raleigh and was one of the receiving party at a reception given last week by Mrs. Hunter in honor of a lady friend from Mississippi; also attending a meeting of the Tuesday afternoon book club at Mrs. Hunter's.

Last Monday Mrs. Y. D. Vinson spent the day here visiting her daughter and when on her way home with her son, Mr. J. Mordical Vinson, about 2 miles from here she ceased to talk to him. He spoke to her but she did not answer. She never spoke again. He went on home with her and for a few hours she seemed to rally, but early Tuesday morning another stroke of apoplexy soon caused her death. Her husband preceded her to the grave about three years ago. She leaves one son, Mr. J. M. Vinson, and three daughters, Mrs. S. W. Parker, Mrs. D. B. Perkins and Miss Bettie Vinson.

**Rockefeller and the Hook Worm Disease.**

One of the first rural problems that the Country Life Commission ran up against was the so-called hook worm disease of the south. It was a matter of great astonishment to us when experienced physicians and managers of various public institutions in Virginia, and Tennessee told us of the presence of the hook worm in all Atlantic coast and in the shaded districts in the mountain regions. We had never heard of it before.

We had with us on our trip Dr. Stiles, who was the first to identify the hook worm in 1892. He proved to us most conclusively that the hook worm was the cause of the deaths of a very large per cent of the children of the poorer white farmers of the south; that it also was the cause of the anemia that prevails among this class of people; and that clay eating, soot eating, and clay pipe eating were an aggravated form in the adult. He assured us also that adults affected with it had only from 20 to 50 per cent efficiency of the normal red corpuscles in the blood; hence the serious labor problem of the inefficiency of the whites in these sections. While negroes have the disease, and no doubt originally brought it from Africa, where it has prevailed for two thousand years, they have become comparatively immune from its effects; just as the Mexican is practically immune from the effects of smallpox and many of the northern nations practically immune from the effects of the poison of alcohol.

We learned some days ago that five hundred thousand dollars was in sight for the extermination of this disease, and are glad to know that Mr. Rockefeller has doubled it and made it a million to be used in a period of five years. Whatever people may think about Mr. Rockefeller's conduct in the past, it must be said in fairness to him, that he is putting his money to good purpose in the regeneration

of the poor white of the south.

The disease is not difficult to cure. In fact, there are few diseases to which the human race is subject that respond so readily to treatment. So far as the cure is concerned, it is simply the administration of a half dose of thymol at 6 o'clock in the morning, following a physic the day before; another half dose at 8 o'clock, and a heavy dose of Epsom salts at 10 o'clock. This treatment is given once a week for three weeks and usually cures even the most obstinate cases.

The heaviest death rate is among children. It is estimated that 25 per cent of the deaths of children under five years among the poorer class of whites in the south is due to the hook worm.

While it is not at all difficult to cure, it is difficult to control. The cause of the disease is a parasite very closely related to the common round worm of sheep. The eggs are laid in the small intestines of the afflicted person, are found in the excrement, and hatch out in about two days. They burrow under the feet of the children by getting between the toes, and hence the names of "foot itch," "toe itch," and "ground itch." They burrow under the skin into the lymphatic glands and thence into the circulation through the heart and lungs, are coughed up, swallowed in the spittle, and pass through the two last transformations in the smaller intestines.

To control this disease effectively, therefore, the white people of the south must quit going barefooted; the children must wear shoes. They must have privies carefully protected. Not over 60 per cent of the poor white farmers have a privy of any kind, and most of what they have are worse than none. When the poor white farmer of the south reaches that point he will be a pretty good farmer. In fact, we do not know of anything that would tend more to the improvement of agriculture in the south than this extermination of the hook worm.

The work has been entrusted to twelve men—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Dr. William H. Welch, professor of pathology in Johns Hopkins University and president of the American Medical Association; Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Dr. Charles W. Stiles, chief of the Division of Zoology United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service; Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. D. F. Houston, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis; Prof. P. P. Claxton, professor of education University of Tennessee; J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of education of North Carolina and president of the National Educational Association; Walter H. Page, editor World's Work; Dr. H. B. Frissell, principal Hampton Institute; Frederick T. Gates, one of Mr. Rockefeller's business managers; and Starr J. Murphy, Mr. Rockefeller's counsel in benevolent matters. Mr. Page is a member of the Country Life Commission and Dr. Stiles was its medical attache. It will be noticed that most of the commission are from the south.

It may be interesting to note that when the Country Life Commission was at Raleigh the governor of North Carolina through a press interview denounced President Roosevelt for appointing the commission, and the commission itself as impertinent, and that it should be given out of the state, the reason for this being that the publication of its conclusion would make northern people afraid to move into North Carolina. If the commission had done nothing more than call public attention north and south to this disease, this is ample recompense for the time and money which its members voluntarily gave to the work.—Henry Wallace.

**LAND FOR SALE**—A tract of land in Boon Hill township containing 127 acres; 4½ miles south of Pine Level adjoining the lands of R. D. Thompson, J. M. Thompson, Lafayette Feedin and others and known as the Phillips place. There is between a 1 and 2 horse crop cleared. The sale is for a division and we would like to sell at once if we sell. For further information apply to A. E. Phillips, Selma, N. C.

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Smithfield, N. C.

**LISTEN! LISTEN!**

The winter weather is here and we are prepared to show you the most extensive line of fall and winter Dress Goods and Wearing apparel ever brought to Johnston county. Notwithstanding the high price of cotton and the continued advance in dry goods, we can sell you goods at old prices as I purchased my fall stock early and bought very heavy. If you are in need of a suit or over coat be sure to see my line before purchasing. My departments are all complete. Come in to see my line of Ladies Coats, Coat Suits and Sweaters or anything else you need to wear. Remember the big cash store sells you better goods cheaper.

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**The Doctor's First Question**

"How are your bowels?" This is generally the first question the doctor asks. He knows what a sluggish liver means. He knows what a long list of distressing complaints result from constipation. He knows that headaches, bilious attacks, indigestion, impure blood, and general debility are often promptly relieved by a good liver pill. We wish you would talk with your own doctor about this subject. Ask him at the same time if he approves of Ayer's Pills. Doan's, etc.