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Hughes and the Supreme Bench.

The cause of good government will lose its ablest champion in the retirement of Gov. Charles E. Hughes from public activities to accept a place on the bench of the United States Supreme Court.

By no means has the great Empire State been the exclusive beneficiary of his wise and courageous administration. Its influence has been far-reaching. His straight, independent, unyielding course in politics has made for the general good. Emulation has followed it. American politics needs such men as this sterling executive. It needs them more to-day than ever before in its history. Their number is small—deplorably small—in the two parties that control the destinies of States and Nation.

But in the loss sustained in elimination of Gov. Hughes from politics the country gains his service in a sphere of equal importance and at a time when he can be of greatest use. With problems of tremendous weight affecting vast material interests and involving the economical structure of a decade pressing for solution, it is reassuring to see a man of his exalted type and demonstrated legal fitness chosen to succeed the late Mr. Justice Brewer. His acceptance of the position, of high honor though it be, in view of the public estimate of him and the possibilities of his future, is convincing proof of his patriotic character.

President Taft's selection of Gov. Hughes can but receive universal approbation. No man is too eminent to be called to the Supreme Bench of the United States. In choosing the most eminent lawyer available, Mr. Taft shows anew that he is a nation-serving President.—Washington Herald.

Will the Senate be Republican?

Democrats would have to gain fourteen seats in the Senate to secure control, and of course that is a good deal to undertake with most of the States in Republican hands. But the opportunity is better than it has been for six years, and better than it is except at very rare intervals. Of 29 Senators whose terms will expire next year four-fifths are Republicans. Of course that gives an extraordinary opportunity to the Democrats to make gains. That they should be able to defeat fourteen of the twenty-four may be improbable, but it is not impossible, and it is quite certain that they will gain enough to make a Democratic majority two years later highly probable. Improbable as the loss of fourteen seats by the Republicans may be, it is not so improbable as their loss of the Old Colony district in Massachusetts and the Rochester district in New York would have seemed a few weeks ago. There are the indications of a Democratic tidal wave, and such an event would sweep the Democrats into control of the Senate.—Philadelphia Record.

Unnecessary Expense.

Senator Lodge wants \$65,000 to pay about a hundred Government employees to roam about the country for the purpose of ascertaining the retail prices of commodities. In answer to this demand Senator Dolliver shows how easily this information could be obtained by the expenditure of a few dollars in postage stamps. Senator Gallinger says that the traveling price agents would be divided between the two parties. That is a poor reason for employing them.—Philadelphia Record.

Odds and Ends.

In Japan day laborers get 20 cents a day and women servants receive 84 cents a month. The Boston Commercial Bulletin says the lamb crop of Eastern Oregon is unusually large this spring, the percentage of increase being estimated at 90 to 100 per cent., while in a number of cases it is greater than 100 per cent.

From the Rhode Island point of view, says The Springfield Republican, the retirement of Senator Aldrich is serious if it means having two Wetmores in the Senate instead of one.

A New York woman, the wife of Martin W. Littleton, a lawyer and Democratic politician, is making an effort to substitute the Bible for bridge in society.

Some Facts About Smithfield.

In the days of the Red Men, the Indians had located an extensive village upon the site of the town of Smithfield. Immediately upon the banks of the Neuse, at its head of navigation, upon a high bluff from the base of which gushed bold springs of purest water, John Smith, the founder of the town, followed the example of the Indians and decided that here should be perpetuated his name in the capital of a new county. He, accordingly, purchased from the Government and one Blurton, who owned what is now the Northern part of the town, several hundred acres of land, lying on both sides the river and extending from Spring Branch North for several miles. The Founder was a man of ability and prominence and, assisted by the other Smiths who seem to have been numerically strong even at that early date, he found it an easy matter to induce the General Assembly in April 1777 to charter the Town of Smithfield, to be located upon one hundred acres of land sold by him for that purpose. Commissioners were appointed to subdivide the land into lots and sell them upon easy terms. Purchasers were required to make certain improvements within a certain time. The first sale occurred during the summer of 1777, among the purchasers at that time being Richard Caswell, then the Governor of the State, Abner Nash, and other prominent men of the period.

The town soon became the hub about which revolved the social and business life of this section. The General Assembly met here in May 1779, and the Committee of Safety met here during the Revolution to consider the grave matters which then confronted the government. The sessions of the County Court seem to have been held here soon after the incorporation of the town, but it was not until 1797 that the County purchased the present Court Square and arranged for the erection of the Court House and Jail. In spite of the efforts of the citizens of the town and county, Smithfield failed to secure the requisite number of votes for the location of either the State Capital or the University, and there followed the period of nearly a century before the whistle of the locomotive awoke the sylvan echoes and marked the beginning of a new epoch in its history.

Of late years, the town has shared fully in the wonderful industrial expansion of the country. Manufacturing plants have been established that are consuming the raw material with which this section is blessed, and that are furnishing employment to a great number of people. One of the strongest banks to be found in the State supplies the accommodations peculiar to its nature. A modern hotel, large stores, and handsome residences show that, from every standpoint, the town is on the uplift. It possesses five churches, and here is to be found a graded school justly the pride of its citizens and excelled by none in the State.

The health of Smithfield is singularly good. Its location provides for a cheap and efficient drainage. There are no adjacent swamps to breed malaria and mosquitoes. Countless deep wells have been bored deep down into and through the solid rock, from which is secured a plentiful supply of the best water. Typhoid is unknown here, and the chills of former years have disappeared with the bad drainage and the bad water that caused them.

The Smithfield Cotton Mills, manufacturing hosiery yarns, is located in the southern part of the town, and is one of the best equipped and prosperous mills in the South. Since its establishment eight years ago, it has paid its stockholders 150 per cent. It has 10,000 spindles and gives employment to 146 people. Its efficient officers are Mr. W. M. Sanders, President, and Mr. F. K. Broadhurst, Secretary and Treasurer. Its Board of Directors include the above named gentlemen and Messrs B. B. Adams, J. H. B. Tomlinson, W. D. Avera, W. L. Woodall, N. E. Edgerton, W. A. Edgerton and E. J. Holt.

The Ivanhoe Manufacturing Company is now engaged in the erection of a cotton mill on the railroad, near the depot. The main building is about completed and presents a handsome appearance with its lofty tapering brick chimney. It will be equipped with 5000 spindles and will make both hosiery yarns and warps. Its Board of Directors include W. M. Sanders, Pres., T. R. Hood, W. H.

Austin, B. B. Adams, J. H. B. Tomlinson, W. D. Avera, W. L. Woodall and J. D. Underwood. Mr. Frank K. Broadhurst is the Secretary and Treasurer.

These two mills will consume about twenty bales cotton daily, day run only, and will give employment to more than 200 people. They represent a combined capital of \$275,000.

Other enterprises of somewhat minor importance contribute greatly to the prosperity of the town. The lumber business of Messrs Rand & Lawrence gives employment to a large number of people in the woodworking department here and also employs many in the several sawmills that are operated by the concern in the country. The brick works, just across the River, of Sanders & Walton, aid in the development of the place. These industries afford to our people all the material necessary in the construction of any building and have stimulated the upbuilding of the town to a wonderful extent.

Smithfield is justly proud of its only financial institution, The Bank of Smithfield. It has been in existence only ten years but in that time it has paid more than 100 per cent dividends to its stockholders and now has a surplus of about \$10,000. It has a capital of \$30,000 and is safely and ably managed by Mr. W. L. Woodall, President, and Mr. C. V. Johnson, Cashier, with a strong Board of Directors, composed of the best business men of the community.

This mention of Smithfield would not be complete without reference to the factor that aroused the old town from its sleep of many years and ushered in an era of industrial expansion and new life, viz: the tobacco market. No market in the state enjoys a better reputation at home or abroad. We have here three large, well equipped warehouses in which are sold from three to four million pounds of the weed annually. Numerous storage houses have been erected that furnish every facility for the buyer to handle his purchases. The American Tobacco Company occupy here one of the largest prizeries in Eastern Carolina and has placed here one of its ablest and best paid salaried buyers. The steam plant of the T. S. Ragsdale Company owns one of the most modern plants to be found in the tobacco belt and its output goes from here direct to foreign ports. More than \$50,000 is invested in the sales houses, storage houses and prizeries and it is apparent that others will soon be necessary with which to meet the growing demands of the market.

Smithfield offers many inducements to the homeseeker. Its good health, its excellent school, its many churches, the opportunities for engaging in manufacturing and other business enterprises, its low tax rate, and numerous other attractive features appeal forcibly to those who wish to cast their lot with a sober and conservative people.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the order of the Democratic executive committee, of Johnston County, in meeting assembled on the 18th inst., a county convention of all Democrats within the borders of Johnston County is hereby called to meet in Smithfield, N. C., on

Saturday, July 2, 1910, at 11 A. M. for the purpose of electing delegates to the congressional, judicial and state conventions, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The precinct meetings for the purpose of appointing delegates to the county convention, electing township executive committees and the transaction of other business, will be held at the usual and several voting places on

Saturday, June 25, 1910, at 3 P. M. (subject to the right of the township committee to change the hour).

The usual plan of considering every Democrat, who attends the convention, a delegate with full power to act was re-adopted by the committee, therefore any Democrat who attends the county convention will be recognized as a delegate, whether he is appointed as such at the township meeting or not.

C. W. RICHARDSON,
Chmn. Johnston Co. Dem. Ex Com.
L. H. ALLRED,
Secretary.
April 27, 1910.

Forest Fires in Bayfield County, Wisconsin, have destroyed more than \$500,000 worth of timber.

Remember? That Time Waits for no Man

Owing to Improvements beginning earlier than we thought Our Sacrifice Price on Buck's Stoves and Farm Implements will come to a close on May 1st.

Come in at once and buy a Buck's Stove at and below cost. If you come in before May 1st We will sell you at the following prices:

- No. 7 Stove, 12 x 12 Oven, \$5.25
- No. 7 Stove, 13 x 13 Oven, \$6.83
- No. 8 Stove, 15 x 15 Oven, \$9.44
- No. 8 Stove, 16 x 16 Oven, \$11.95
- No. 8 Stove, 17 x 18 Oven, \$14.39

These prices are without Ware. The Ware will be sold at cost, \$2.00 and \$2.25. Now get busy and see us at once.

Cotter Hardware Company Smithfield N. C.

Business Builders

CAR LOAD No. 1 TIMOTHY HAY. J. R. LEDBETTER.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL NICE YOUNG colts and horses, from one year old up. Apply to J. Walter Myatt, Clayton, R. F. D., No. 1, N. C.

RUBRIGHT LINIMENT, THE GREAT pain killer, at J. R. Ledbetter's.

IF YOUR SEWING MACHINE IS out of repair, I can furnish new parts for any machine. Come to see me. J. R. LEDBETTER.

WHOSE SOW IS THIS? ABOUT two weeks ago there came to my place a white sow with large black spots. Marked swallow fork in left ear. Owner can get her by paying for feed and this advertisement. JOSEPH R. VINSON, at Grantham place. April 16th, 1910.

I HAVE FOR SALE 2 NICE MEDIUM size mare mules 5 and 6 years old, 2 nice mare mules 6 and 7 years old that weigh about 1150 each. One good heavy horse mule, one cheap horse. W. M. SANDERS. April 21, 1910.

WE KEEP ON HAND ALL THE time, best shingles and laths. Come to see us, ROBERTS, WHITLEY & Co. Selma, N. C.

SEWING MACHINE SHUTTLES, needles and bobbins for all kinds of machines, at J. R. Ledbetter's.

WANTED—25 GOOD LABORERS for logging work, trackmen and saw and planing mill. Healthful location. Steady work. Good wages. PRINCETON LUMBER COMPANY, PAUL C. DUNCAN, Supt. Princeton, N. C., Johnston County.

COTTON SEED MEAL, HULLS AND shipstuff, at J. R. Ledbetter's.

FRENCH COACH STALLION FOR SALE.

By virtue of a resolution passed at a stockholders' meeting on April 25th, the undersigned offer for sale on Monday, May 16th, 1910, at 12 o'clock M., that valuable French Coach Stallion, "Dauphin," No. 4207. Sale will take place at the Court House door in Smithfield, N. C. Terms cash. For further information, call on or write to me at Smithfield, N. C. This April 26th, 1910.

W. R. LONG.

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SMITHFIELD, N. C.

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