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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The present General Assembly has created two new counties—Hoke and Avery. The finishing touches were put on the Avery County bill Wednesday. This brings the number of North Carolina counties up to 100. Ransom and Jarvis counties, (to be made out of parts of Johnston, Wake, Wilson, Nash and Franklin) will have to wait awhile, it appears now, before they take their places among the sisterhood of North Carolina counties.

A bill has passed both houses of the General Assembly authorizing the board of trustees of Selma Graded School to issue bonds to erect a suitable building.

The bill amending and consolidating the charter of the town of Smithfield has passed the Senate and sent to the House. The bill amending the charter of the town of Clayton has also passed.

On Wednesday Mr. Allred introduced three bills in the House relating to Johnston County—To amend The Revisal relating to the time of holding courts in Johnston County; To provide for issuing bonds in Smithfield township; To incorporate certain churches in Johnston, Harnett and Sampson counties.

State primary laws have been introduced and may pass. If there is no general law of this kind passed there will be some tall explaining necessary in the next campaign.

There is less than two weeks more of the present legislature and unless lots of hard work is done some of the measures of greatest importance will not become laws. Why is it that a General Assembly always puts off the most important business until the last when there is no time to consider it well?

The farmers who want a Torrens Land Registration Law enacted appear to be doomed to disappointment once more. The matter came up Wednesday as a special order and was postponed indefinitely.

A Washington Birthday Affair.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was the delightful George Washington Entertainment given to the Embroidery club Wednesday afternoon, by Mrs. D. Heber Creech, at the home of her father, Mr. J. D. Underwood.

The guests were met by the charming hostess, and after having divested themselves of their wraps, were ushered into the parlor, where an interesting contest was entered into. Each one was provided with a dainty card and pencil, and told to guess the names of some of the presidents whose nick names were given, then in four minutes time, to make as many words from the word Washington as possible.

Mrs. H. P. Stevens was the winner of the first prize, a box of crystallized cherries, while Mrs. E. S. Abell won the second, a nail brush.

After the presentation of the prizes by Miss Mattie Pou, the guests were asked into the dining room, which was prettily decorated in United States flags, a very large one being suspended from the center of the ceiling. Small tables each with covers for four persons were arranged here. The place cards were red hatchets decorated with cherries. Fruit salad, cake, hot chocolate and crystallized fruit were served. One unique feature of the refreshments was the cutting of George Washington's birthday cake, a handsomeiced pound cake ornamented with cherries.

The remainder of the afternoon was delightfully whiled away by music from various ones present.

The recipients of Mrs. Creech's gracious hospitality were: Mesdames E. S. Abell, N. T. Holland, W. H. Austin, H. L. Skinner, S. T. Honeycutt, J. A. Naron, J. H. Kirkman, W. M. Sanders, H. P. Stevens, L. T. Royall, P. H. Brooks, T. J. Lassiter, R. M. Nowell and W. L. Woodall and Miss Mattie Pou.

THE PROFESSOR TALKS.

BY A. VERMONT.

In our last article, we discussed somewhat the subject of Athletics. We ended by saying that people gladly give two or three acres of land to raise two or three bales of cotton. We added that if that be the case, how much more readily should we give ample playgrounds for the raising of hundreds of healthy bodies of boys and girls?

There has developed in recent years, a great movement, called the Play Ground Movement. Cities like New York, Chicago, and even a number of minor places found that all their grounds had been given to the building of dwellings, offices, etc. The children had plenty of place to live in, to work in, but no place whatever to play in. Only after their death were they allowed the freedom of open air, when their eyes were closed to the light of the sun, their bodies dead to the life-giving influences of the breeze. A generation of young men and young women sprang up, the ideals of whom are very, very low.

As soon as this fact became established, God-fearing men and women began this great Home-Mission work of the Child's Play Ground. Here and there empty lots were rented, even the roofs of houses utilized to make playgrounds. To these were invited all the children of the neighborhood. Ample games were provided, strict honesty in all games was enforced, proper physical directors put in charge of the children. These playgrounds are the happy meeting places of thousands of children. Who shall say what they mean in health to the various communities? What in moral effect?

For say what you please, the playing youngster is a healthy youngster, the healthy youngster usually a clear minded, pure-minded lad. It is the common observation of the best educators everywhere, that the non-playing boys or girls are frequently in unwhole condition of body, and frequently of mind. That is the reason why men believe heartily, deeply, unwaveringly in the theory of "every boy and girl at play in their free hours." If the child that does not play is ill, it should be immediately attended to. If its indifference to play results from morbidness, this too should be looked in to. Every possible temptation to play should be placed in the way of the young folks. It is as much their work to play as it is their work to study.

If then, I hold the views of the promoters of the Play-Grounds, I can but rejoice at the fact that Athletics will receive a new impetus in our own County of Johnston. It is in this connection that the

Field-Day Must Mean Much to all of us. On April 17th, the various High Schools and the Graded Schools will have a field-day, or a general Meet. All manner of races, games will be played from morning until late in the evening. These will be interspersed with musical and debating contests. There will be the friendliest rivalry between the contestants. From now on the work of preparation will go on unceasingly, and think of the good that will be accomplished. We shall have taught our boys and girls to appreciate the free outdoor sports. (How infinitely superior to the games of cards, and all forms of gambling.) We shall have helped hundreds of

young folks to train their young bodies to endurance, to health, we shall have trained their minds to the fair and frank honesty of the play ground.

The greatest centres of education, our Universities meet on the gridiron, the diamond, in the debating-hall. The greatest and more far-sighted educators of the great Republic of ours encourage these meets. The Principals of Johnston are unanimous in a similar approval of Athletics. They must be supported by the people. April the Seventeenth must go down in the history of our County as one of the Red-Letter Days. Let us all take off our coats and make this day the **GREATEST SCHOOL RALLY THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTY HAVE EVER WITNESSED.**

PATRONS OF THE SCHOOL!

To-night, Friday, beginning at 7:30, the Teachers and Pupils of our School will give an Impromptu Recital. There will be music vocal and instrumental, there will be short comedies, in fact there will be amusement for an hour and a half.

It will cost you ten cents to go in. We want you to go. These funds will be used for the purpose of preparing the grounds for the great Field Day on Easter Monday. We prefer to use this means to raise the funds to raising the amount by subscription.

Come out: this is our school, our work. Let us meet to-night at the Schoolhouse. We will see to it that the hall be warm and comfortable.

Smithfield's Population 1935.

The census of the town recently taken by the town authorities shows a population of 1935 people living in the town and its suburbs. It will be only a short while before the old town will show more than 2500 people. We are still forging ahead "United and Onward."

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CARPENTERS WANTED, NONE but Hustlers need apply. O. G. GULLEY, Box 319, Wilmington, N. C.

Goods for You

My Goods are for sale. The sale begins Saturday, February 25, and lasts 10 days.

- I have Embroideries priced 25c to sell for 15c.
- Some at 12 1-2c for 10 cents.
- Cloth of all kinds, 12 1-2c Percales for 9 cents.
- Other Percales at 6 1-2c. Hats going for half price.
- Coat Suits for \$3.50 which sold for \$5.00.
- Collars and Belts which sold for 25c now 15c.
- Nice Pictures price \$1.50 sold for 98c.

Several other things too numerous to mention. Everybody be sure to come Saturday, February 25th, and get bargains. Very truly,

MRS. FLORA P. RAE,
PINE LEVEL, N. C.

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You May "Count Your Chickens Before They are Hatched" If You Buy Your Seeds Here

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These are not the stale "left overs" from year to year that are flooding the market, but Perfect Seeds that produce Perfect Plants. When you buy seeds here they're the growing kind, fresh and waiting for sunshine and earth to bring them to life.

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SMITHFIELD, N. C.

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WE visit the STOCK markets regularly and WE have, at all times, several MULES and HORSES on hand from which YOU can make a selection. WE carry the best line of WAGONS and BUGGIES to be found in the STATE. WE defy all competitors as to prices and QUALITY. WE shall be pleased to quote you on these goods.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Notions, Etc.

Quietly, without saying much about it, WE have put in one of the most UP-TO-DATE stocks of the above goods to be found in SMITHFIELD. Heretofore WE have catered exclusively to the needs of the farmer in the line of MULES, WAGONS, GUANO, PROVISIONS and FEED STUFF. WE have determined to enlarge our business and cater to the needs of his WIFE. SHE can find in OUR STORE EVERYTHING she needs; all kinds of DRY GOODS, SHOES and NOTIONS. We are sole agents in Smithfield for the ED V. PRICE TAILOR-MADE CLOTHES. We guarantee to save you 25 per cent on your clothing bill. EXAMINE our STOCK and get our prices. Remember we sell on credit or for cash.

BEAR IN MIND THESE STRONG FACTS

We have been engaged in this business for several years; we have accumulated some little capital and more experience; we know what our trade wants; we know how to buy, and we have determined to make the year 1911 the BANNER YEAR of our business. We propose to do this by treating all our customers in such a manner that they will not want to trade anywhere else than in our stores. We have TWO LARGE STORES and several STORAGE HOUSES. We are well equipped to handle an enormous business. We have our clerks under contract for the year; we are forced to sell goods, and we are going to sell them. We understand when we say that we are going to sell them, that we must offer such inducements as to cause customers to buy them. We are prepared to offer those INDUCEMENTS.

Come to see us, look at our STOCK, get our PRICES. If you need the goods and wish to buy them, we will sell them to you for cash or ON CREDIT, payable NEXT FALL, or on some EASY PAYMENT PLAN. We are out for business.

OUR MOTTO is "BUY CHEAPER and SELL CHEAPER." With our resources and EXPERIENCE we are in a position to buy cheaply, and we are going to give our customers the BENEFIT of that fact. We are ready, at all times, to pay the highest cash price for COTTON and all kinds COUNTRY PRODUCE. Do not sell until you see us.

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