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WHY NOT?

Some of these days Smithfield is going to want a public building. The town is just as large as other towns which have received appropriations for a site for a public building. A large volume of business is done here and the day is not far distant when the town will need a public building. Why not take steps now to get in line for a public building?

PATENT MEDICINE LAW.

The "patent medicine bill" is going to have a hard fight in the Legislature. The State Board of Health has been up in arms for some time against the indiscriminating use of so-called patent medicines. It has been seeking to educate the people against their use. We once heard a man say that he had taken several bottles of a much-advertised "patent medicine" and thought that he derived much benefit from its use. But later he saw the State Board of Health's exhibit at the Johnston County Fair and found that his favorite nostrum was under the ban. He said he took another bottle of it, but found that it did him no good and he quit it. It seems that his faith in the medicine did the work, and when he saw how it was "set down upon" by the Board of Health he lost faith in it and it failed to bring beneficial results. So it is with many of the "wonderful remedies" now on the market. It will be well for the Legislature to pass a law making the proprietors of these so-called "wonderful remedies" prove their curative qualities before they are granted license to sell in the State.

THEY ARE AFTER HOOD.

Congressman George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, who will enter upon his second term in the House on March 4th, is slated to have a fight on his hands when he enters the race for the nomination to succeed himself in 1918. It is reported that Solicitor Chas. L. Abernethy, of Beaufort, is going to contest the nomination with Mr. Hood next year. Abernethy has been wanting to get in Congress for several years and has let it be known that he will be in the race next year.

Abernethy is not the only man who wants Hood's job if the political correspondence sent out from the State capital is to be relied upon. Senator Matt Allen, of Goldsboro, also wants to represent his people in Washington. He is a young and vigorous politician, and is a son of Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston. With Allen and Abernethy both after Hood's place the young Congressman from the Third will have no little fight on his hands.

Abernethy is the man who had the controversy with Judge Frank Carter which resulted in the investigation into the Judge's private and public-record. Abernethy is a good speaker and is well known over the State. However, Hood should not be turned down if he is making a good Representative, just to give another man his job.

Senator Person, of Franklin County, has introduced a bill in the Upper House to amend the Constitution so that the constitutional State officers and the county officers of sheriff and coroner shall be limited to two consecutive terms. This bill is in accord with the suggestions of Governor Bickett in his inaugural address. Senator Person also introduced a bill to provide for the election of county boards of education and the county superintendents by a direct vote of the people.

ITEMS OF ALL SORTS.

The big National baseball players want bigger salaries and a threatened strike is pending.

The town of Kinston has recently issued a new census report stating that the population is now in excess of 15,000.

General prosperity is on the way, they say, but only those who prepare a place for him will be able to entertain him.

The English government is planning to call the skilled agricultural laborers to the army. This will mean that many women will have to take their places in the fields.

Mrs. J. M. Benson, the wife of the pastor of the Methodist church at Cameron, died last week after an illness of about four days. Rev. and Mrs. Benson formerly lived at Kenly.

The next session of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly will be held in Charlotte at Thanksgiving, 1917. Wilmington and Raleigh extended invitations for the meeting but Charlotte was the winner.

Billy Sunday closed his ten weeks' meeting in Boston Sunday, holding four services and preaching to 70,000 people. The number of those who "hit the sawdust trail" was 60,510. A free will offering approximating \$50,000 was given him.

The Dunn Guide, edited by J. P. Pittman, has entered its 23rd volume. The Guide has been a great influence for good in our neighboring county, sometimes known as the "State of Harnett." May The Guide and its faithful editor live long and prosper.

A bill is before the Legislature to place the officers of Randolph County on a salary basis. The bill fixes the salary of the Sheriff at \$3,000 a year and that of the Clerk and Register of Deeds at \$2,500 each. The bill also proposes to abolish the office of County Treasurer.

The city authorities of Asheville are taking steps to enforce a strict censorship on all movie films presented in the picture play-houses of the city. A board of review will be established and all picture theatres will have to submit a list of the pictures to a commissioners appointed for this purpose before they can be shown.

A delegation 150 strong, arrived in Raleigh Thursday to appear before the Senate Committee to consider the Pender County stock law question. They were representing the free rangers of Pender. They carried with them figures and reports showing that a large majority of the Pender folks are for free range. The Members of the House from Pender, the Register of Deeds and the County Commissioners were elected on their free range stand, says the News and Observer.

A Worthy Institution.

One of the enterprises of Smithfield which has meant much for the town and community is The Smithfield Building and Loan Association. It is a worthy institution and has the support of many of the leading business men of the town and community. It has been a help to many and there are good homes built in the town which would not be here today if it had not been for the aid given by the Smithfield Building and Loan Association. Its board of directors and other officers are among the best business men of the community and have the confidence of every one. It is a worth while enterprise and has grown far beyond the expectations of the promoters who first talked the matter about three and a half years ago. It now has 1248 shares with \$32,337.50 paid in. The net gain in value is \$1,606.18. Loans have been made to home-builders to the amount of \$33,345.00. A new series of stock was opened January 1, 1917.

PRICES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The "Weekly Price Report" sent out by the Division of Markets at West Raleigh, gives the following prices for the week ending January 20:

- Cotton—Highest price, Fayetteville 18 cents. Lowest at Rocky Mount 16½.
- Cotton Seed—Ranging from 75 to 85 cents.
- Corn—Per bushel, ranging from \$1.10 to \$1.25.
- Peas—Per bushel, ranging from \$1.75 to \$3.00.
- Sweet Potatoes—Per bushel, from 75 cents to \$1.00.
- Irish Potatoes—Per barrel, from \$4.00 to \$5.25.
- Eggs—Per dozen, from 30 to 43 cents.
- Creamery Butter—Per pound, from 35 to 48 cents.

The strangeness of foreign life throws one back into himself.—Cardinal Newman.

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

By A. V.

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

It is with the keenest pleasure that the people on the New Cotton Mill Hill, heard the news that they would have a church. The Methodists are going to provide a handsome building for those men and women, and soon the children will be given the opportunity of a Sunday school. The effect of this undertaking must be soon apparent. There are a number of real good people in that community. Let them co-operate for the greater good of the hill and for their own advancement. They must make good.

My comment on a cordial handshake, last week, caused some comment I am glad that it did. I heartily believe that the good of any church and of any community lies in love for the neighbor. Talk about religion all you please, tell me that you are a patriot; as long as you do not show yourself different in your town and in your church from the stranger, neither your town nor church will make progress. And if never you show that love, a kind word or a cordial greeting, what is the use of having that love and that civic pride?

One of our very best men, some time ago, stated that he did not care to take part in public life because of the eternal criticism. Criticism is part of the life we lead. No two people can always agree on the same things. Therein lies our individuality. Washington was bitterly fought in his day, Lee was set down as a rebel, Lincoln was cursed over the land. Wilson has been bitterly arraigned. In the fields of science men have not always been praised. Galileo was imprisoned because he knew too much, Fulton was called a fool by Napoleon the First. Whitney's patent-rights were most shamefully stolen, Metchnikoff was called a visionary. Thus you go. We have all more or less "dash-board minds" and any one who differs with us, is considered the proper victim of condemnation.

Yet! would it not be a pity if a man or a set of men could sit down and dictate us our opinions. It is only four hundred years since the kings and monarchs dictated whether a man should be a Catholic or a Protestant, a Mohammedan or a Jew. Governments decided whether a law should suit the people or not. To-day Europe is plunged in a most terrible war because Metternich and Bismarck played with the rights of nations, even as chess players play with the minions on the board. Shall my son wear my patches and my wrinkles? How far shall he think for himself?

In the line of business, shall a man run his store as his father did? Shall he develop his own merchant-personality? The same in agriculture, in science, in a thousand other things? Watch, if you please, two leaves on an oak-tree, can you find them absolutely alike? If the Lord made faces, hands, feet, stomachs and livers different, he certainly made minds different, too. And difference of mind means different and clashing views. This means criticism, kind and unkind. It means the sting of the adder or the grooming to higher effort. In spite of the former the world wags on. It has never stopped to listen to the destructive critic, and as we dream our dreams and do our work, our town grows on the effort of those who do, not of those who talk.

Talking about men who came here

and made Smithfield grow, Mr. Tom Ragsdale is one of these men. He has been identified with the progress of our city and a large contributor to its industrial growth. The big warehouse, erected by his people in this town, is a witness to the ability of the man and a convincing proof of the confidence placed in him by his company and by the people of the county. Mr. Ragsdale deserves similarly credit for his interest in the higher life of Smithfield. He is one of the men whom we see in all good meetings with his children. He is eminently right in his belief that children thrive under the comradeship of their parents. He acts on that principle and some day will find that his ideas pay.

Of the younger men who try to make good in Smithfield, Bob Smith of the Pressing Club, is winning ground. Bob is painstaking and attends to his business and there is no reason why some day he should not be among the leading men of the town.

I always meet with pleasure that fine gentleman, Mr. C. V. Johnson, whom I liked from the first day on which I met him. I wonder if there is another man in Smithfield who can beat him in affability of manner, in rugged honesty of character?

And he is something else besides an able man of finance. He possesses the unusual talent of making anything he pleases out of wood. In joinery he is an artist. The other day I had the opportunity of asking him to repair a piece of inlaid work that had suffered in its transit from Europe. This woodwork had been made by an expert. Mr. Johnson took the thing and after he had repaired it, none could tell the former damage. Better still, Mr. Johnson gave of his time and his skill freely that some children across the ocean might have a piece of bread. These amenities are what count in our town. Mr. Johnson helps us all to enjoy life better.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by John H. Jones and wife, Odell Jones, to T. C. Jordan, on the 1st day of March, 1916, and registered in Book No. 11, page 251, records of the Office of the Register of Deeds of Johnston County, default having been made in the bond secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of Johnston County, at Smithfield, N. C. at 12 o'clock M., on the 24th day of February, 1917, the following described real estate: Lying and being in Smithfield township, Johnston County, adjoining the lands of Major Smith and others, and being all of Lot No. 10 in Block "H" in the plan of the town of Smithfield, and bounded on the South by Johnston Street and on the East by Elm Street.

T. C. JORDAN, Mortgagee.

CREECH & POU, Attorneys. This the 22nd day of January, 1917.

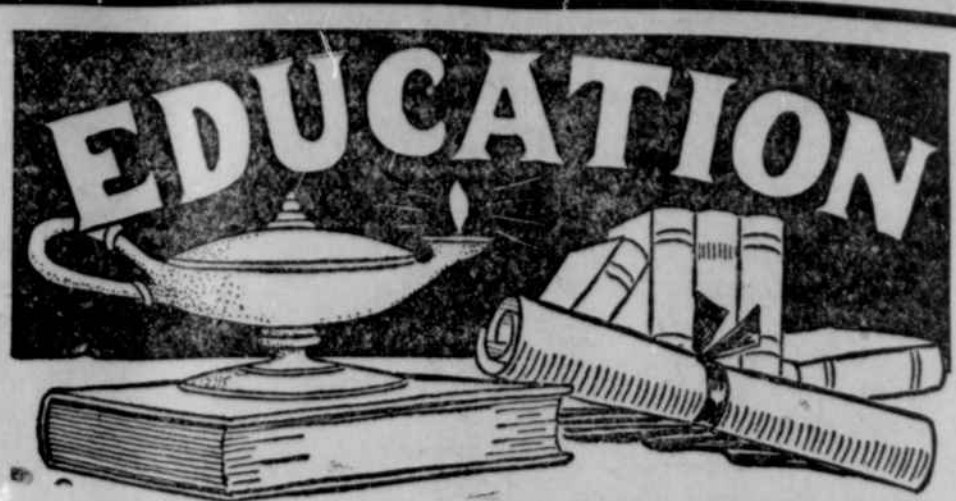
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