

CONSIDER THE LITTLE PEANUT.

The South Will Make Seventy Million Bushels This Year. Keeps the Oil Mills Going Where the Cottonseed Product Has Had to Go.

Washington, July 18.—While cotton is still king in the South, the peanut promises to dispute or to share its dominion in some sections as part of well-balanced farming practice. The State of Texas, for example, has planted 600,000 acres to peanuts, more than doubling the acreage of last year, according to figures just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The prospective crop, on the same authority, is more than 70 million bushels for the whole South. Texas already had the largest acreage in 1916, though in 1909 it stood sixth, with most of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast States ahead. Georgia jumped from 190,000 acres last year to 420,000. The increase in Texas has been an index of the increase throughout the lower South, though the proportionate increase elsewhere has not been so great. For the South as a whole, however, it is remarkable that the acreage has increased from less than a million and a quarter acres to more than two million acres.

The peanut may have been held in light esteem in the popular mind because of its association with circus and clown, or because the expression "peanut politics" has designated a low form of partisanship. Yet this crop has long been important in North Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia, with Suffolk, Va., as the headquarters of the industry. Here the price of peanuts is to a large extent established for the whole country, and at prevailing prices peanuts are in competition with cotton.

Helping the Oil Men.

Practically no peanut oil was made in this country prior to 1915, and so far the oil-mill men had not been benefited; but it was brought to their attention that the United States, in 1914, was importing 1,332,108 gallons of peanut oil, and 44,549,789 pounds of nuts. More than half of the oil went to Chicago and presumably went into oleomargarine, and the lower grades into soap. The oil brought more than cottonseed oil. A few changes in the oil mills, having to do largely with the cleaning of the peanuts, and they were ready for the extraction, and the peanuts began to come to them. Recently, there has been such a demand for the nuts themselves, for manufacture into products elsewhere, that the mills have not been doing much extraction because they could make more handling the nuts themselves than they could by selling the extracted product. A single manufacturer of peanut butter, for example, uses more than 200 carloads of shelled nuts a year and expects soon to go to 500 carloads.

Bakers use immense quantities in cakes and confections, and it is stated that many a chocolate cake is coated with a mixture of which peanuts form a considerable part. With imports cut off by the war, prices are high and give a present large impetus to growing peanuts; and even at present prices for cotton, peanuts are more profitable where there is serious deprecation by the weevil.

Peanut Oil Market.

Peanut oil promises to be in great demand than ever before because, according to the Department of Agriculture authorities, it is one of the most important of the world's food oils, and doubly important under present conditions. With European imports cut off and a scarcity of cottonseed oil there is every assurance of a considerable demand at good prices. American mills, however, are not getting the best prices for their product because they do not shell and clean the nuts and remove the germs.

Where this is done, and the first pressing is made without heating the material, the extracted oil is clear and clean and equal in quality to the finest imported olive oil, though of a different and more nut-like flavor. To many persons it is more palatable than olive oil.

The Spanish type of peanut should be grown for oil, and the only additional equipment needed is that used in peanut cleaning and shelling factories. Peanut meal, left as a by-product of oil extraction, is a very nutritious stock feed.

The World's Production of Copper.

The "Pester Lloyd" in a recent issue reports that the world's production of copper during 1916 amounted to 1,396,600 tons, as compared with 1,061,300 tons in 1915, 923,909 tons in 1914, and 1,066,000 tons in 1913. Of the 1916 production, 880,880 tons are credited to the United States (556,000 tons in 1913). Next in importance ranks Japan with 90,000 tons, followed by Chile with 66,500 tons, and Mexico with 55,100 tons.—United States Commerce Report.

Most of the things you discover are second-hand discoveries.

PLANT FALL IRISH POTATOES.

Be Sure to Save All Vegetables. Can Them for Next Winter's Use.

Don't let's hold up a minute on the food and feed proposition in Johnston County. Our County has done well thus far, and more food and feed crops have been raised in Johnston this year than in any one year in the history of the County,—almost as much as in any two previous years. However, this is not enough. There is yet time to plant fall Irish potatoes, beans, garden peas, etc. Possibly a great many families didn't can any garden peas. Between now and August 10th is a good time to plant a fall crop of these peas.

And, don't overlook to save all the food and feed crops already planted. Pickle your cucumbers and beets; can your tomatoes, beans, etc., dry your apples, butter-beans, etc. Pickle, can or dry all your spare vegetables in order that nothing shall go to waste. We have plenty of fresh vegetables now, but next winter we will be glad to get what will go to waste unless we save it now. Miss Nell Pickens, Home Demonstrator, will be glad to consult with and advise you as to how to save your surplus vegetables, etc.

July 18th, 1917.
F. H. BROOKS,
Chairman Co. Council of Defense.

A Revival at Pine Level.

On the 4th of July, there started a revival meeting at the Free Will Baptist church at Pine Level, which proved to be a good spiritual meeting from start to finish. It seemed that the weather, being rainy, was against us, but the crowd was ready to go to church and we had a full house, nearly every night. The meeting was a feast to all, as the services were held by Prof. Sawyer, of Ayden, and the pastor of Pine Level church, Elder S. H. Styron, being able, true Christian men, after eight days of prayer, and surrender to God the power was revealed in the fruits of 22 coming into folds of God. About 19 will be ready for Baptism on 2nd Sunday in August. Thanks to all people for their kindness to us.

DAN U. OLIVER.
Pine Level, July 18th.

SMITH SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES.

We are very glad to learn of the improvement of Mr. Marshall Lassiter's little child who has been very sick.

Miss Mamie Lassiter and Mr. Vaden Lassiter visited at Mr. Calvin Lassiter's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ennis spent last Saturday night with Mr. Parker Johnson and family.

Mrs. Zeb Lassiter and children spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. David Barbour visited at Mr. Leon Stephenson's Sunday.

The crops in our section are looking well and especially corn, considering the many big rains we have had. Mr. D. A. Lassiter has a nice field of corn which was planted on May the 12th.

Misses Evla and Elsie Johnson and little brother, Gona, spent last Sunday with their sister, Mrs. C. V. Lassiter.

Messrs. W. C. and Reuben Lassiter were in Smithfield last Tuesday selling some No. 1 apples.

Messrs. S. A. and Zeb Lassiter, Nelson Johnson, and Mr. L. V. Langdon and family and others enjoyed some good old ice cream at Mr. D. A. Lassiter's on last Sunday afternoon.

Dr. L. D. Wharton, of Smithfield, passed through our section Tuesday. Four Oaks, N. C.

RUSSIANS GET 36,643 CAPTIVES.

Several Big Guns Taken. The Armies of the Newest Republic.

Russia's advancing armies from July 1 to 13 captured 834 officers and 35,809 men with a vast store of military supplies of all kinds, according to a War Office statement Monday.

In Monday's fighting alone 16 officers and 900 Austro-German troops were taken.

In addition to the 36,643 men captured between July 1 and 13 the War Office listed this additional booty: Ninety-three guns, 28 trench mortars, 403 machine guns, 43 mine throwers, 45 bombing mortars, 3 fire throwers and two aeroplanes, with a quantity of other material.

FREE OF CHARGE.

Why suffer with indigestion, dyspepsia, torpid liver, constipation, sour stomach, coming-up-of-food-after-eating, etc., when you can get a sample bottle of Green's August Flower free at Crech Drug Co. This medicine has remarkable curative properties, and has demonstrated its efficiency by fifty years of success. Headaches are often caused by a disordered stomach. August Flower is put up in 25 and 75 cent bottles. For sale in all civilized countries.—Adv.

MILL CREEK NEWS.

Bentonville Folks Pursuing the Progressive Way. Lighting Their Homes and Buying Automobiles. Bentonville Fair October 5th.

Rev. Mr. Rollins, of Benson, filled his appointment at Hood's Grove Baptist church the 3rd Sunday.

Mrs. Orville Eldridge is a visitor in this community this week.

Mrs. W. F. Grimes, of Smithfield, spent last Sunday afternoon in our community.

Mrs. John D. Lee, of Meadow township, is critically ill at this time.

A ten-days' revival, held with the New Zealand Free Will Baptist church, was closed on Monday night of this week. The pastor, Rev. O. B. Garis, was assisted during the meeting by the Rev. Messrs. Pope, of Dunn.

Bentonville is not in the slackers' column yet. Mr. Kirtz Cole, one of our best young men, went to Wilmington a week ago and is now regularly enlisted.

The cotton crop in this part of Johnston is the poorest we have seen in twenty years. Corn is fair, and tobacco ranks well above normal.

The farmers of this part of the county are going right along the progressive way despite the war cloud, several having recently had their homes and barns lighted by acetylene, and hardly a week passes that a new automobile does not find itself sheltered under some farmer's cart shelter. There is hope that soon we will purchase better roads.

Remember the Bentonville Fair—its October the fifth.
Bentonville, July 17th.

RED CROSS WEEK BROUGHT A TOTAL OF \$118,021,370

Washington, July 16.—Latest reports show the total contributions to the Red Cross war fund during the recent campaign week were \$118,021,370. Totals by states follow:

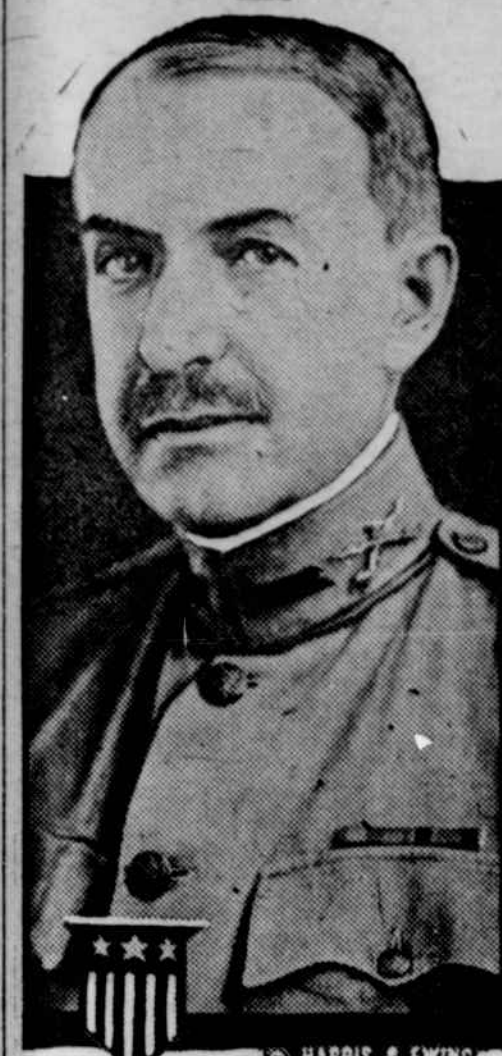
Alabama \$489,852; Arizona \$121,216; Arkansas \$647,534.
California \$3,373,292; Colorado \$1,198,179; Connecticut \$2,633,622.
Delaware \$1,067,200.
Florida \$227,700.
Georgia \$587,814.
Idaho \$379,105; Illinois \$5,518,849.
Indiana \$2,114,501; Iowa \$1,241,199.
Kansas \$1,905,203; Kentucky \$400,368.
Louisiana \$747,506.
Maine \$604,898; Maryland \$601,929; Massachusetts \$5,613,268; Michigan \$3,621,890; Minnesota \$1,488,140; Mississippi \$102,600; Missouri \$3,420,742; Montana \$439,695.
Nebraska \$749,613; Nevada \$22,709; New Hampshire \$375,341; New Jersey \$3,411,614; New Mexico \$62,349; New York, including \$38,455,799 from New York City, \$44,790,476.
North Carolina \$314,439; North Dakota \$111,481.
Ohio \$9,483,757; Oklahoma \$620,169; Oregon \$737,793.
Pennsylvania \$9,805,462.
Rhode Island \$896,923.
South Carolina \$425,536; South Dakota \$69,168.
Tennessee \$982,371; Texas \$1,342,071; Utah \$523,354.
Vermont \$162,000; Virginia \$771,325.
Washington \$1,074,383; West Virginia \$598,550; Wisconsin \$1,463,898; Wyoming \$140,840.
District of Columbia \$500,000; Alaska \$2,500; Honolulu \$7,000.

Old Blum and Dog Days.

Just as regularly as we are called upon to knock the Charlotte cotton market in the Fall are we asked along the coming of the first sizzling weather to tell when the "dog days" begin. The request has come along on schedule time this year. It seems to be an old story in the reading of which the people never tire. Ordinary editors turn to the cyclopedia, and there they are given a talk about the "heliacal" rising of the dog star, of the Babylonian theory and of other things which the ordinary mortal cannot easily take in, but in our case, our resort is to "Old Blum's." That is our standard for agrarian, astronomical, philosophical and even ecclesiastical information. For these things we turn to it as naturally as we turn to the Old Blue Book when a controversy about the way to spell is to be settled. Old Blum is authority above all things else on the dog days. He says they begin on July 12 and end on August 26. Just why, he does not state, but Old Blum says so, and that settles it. There is no learned quotation from Pliny about the rising of Procyon, or of the swinging of Leo and what Hipparchus deducts therefrom—dog days begin July 12 and end on August 26. Old Blum knows, and that is all there is to say about it.—Charlotte Observer.

A sudden attack at night of some form of Bowel Complaint may come to anyone. Every family should be provided with a bottle of Dr. SETH ARNOLD'S BALM. Warranted by Hood Bros., Smithfield, N. C.—Adv.

LIEUT. COL. C. W. FENTON



Lieut. Col. Charles W. Fenton, Second cavalry, U. S. A., is in command of the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, near Washington. He has been trained both at West Point and in the war college.

FOUR OAKS R. F. D. 3 NEWS.

Mr. James Moore, of Smithfield, visited friends in our section last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Strickland visited Mrs. Strickland's parents, Mr. Walt Hudson, last week.

Mr. Jim Durham, of Elevation, spent Sunday in our section.

Mr. H. W. Creech was a welcome visitor at Mr. F. R. Tool's, Sunday.

Mr. R. D. Stanley made a business trip to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. V. W. Dunn, of Four Oaks, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Dunn, Sunday.

Mr. Azel Allen, of the Webb Mill section, was in our burg Sunday.

Mr. Willie Wallace and sister, Miss Frances, took the teachers examination at Smithfield last week.

Mr. W. L. Wallace spent Sunday in Stewart School section. He is soon to begin a summer school down there. He taught there last winter.

Mr. Martin Dunn made a business trip to Smithfield Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Barefoot spent Saturday with Mrs. Barefoot's sister, Mrs. C. C. Parker.

Mr. Felder Baker, of Stewart school house section, spent the first of last week in our section.

The people of our section are busy curing their tobacco. The crop is somewhat short owing to the cold backward spring.

SEE ALL.

The Japanese raise roosters with tails 12 feet long.

SPECIAL EXCURSION FARES FROM SELMA, N. C. VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM.

\$8.90—Black Mountain, N. C., account various conferences, on sale June 28th to August 26th, inclusive, limited 17 days.

\$29.10—Cleveland, O., account I. B. P. O. E., colored on sale Aug. 25, 26 and 27th, final limit September 5th.

\$9.80—Lake Junaluska and Waynesville, account various conferences. On sale July 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25th and August 2, 3, 4 and 5th, 10, 11, 12 and 13th and 17, 18 and 19th. Limit 17 days.

\$18.90—Monteagle and Sewanee, Tenn., account various conferences. On sale July 13th and 21st and Aug. 3, 6, 9, 16, 17 and 23rd. Final limit September 5th.

\$19.70—Nashville, Tenn. Peabody College Summer School. On sale July 20, 21 and 26th. Limited 15 days. Tickets may be extended until September 30th by payment of fee \$1.00 and depositing ticket at Nashville.

\$31.55—St. Louis, Mo. Supreme Lodge & Military Encampment Knights of Pythias, Colored. Dates of sale August 17, 18 and 19th. Final limit August 29th.

\$35.70—Vicksburg, Miss. National Reunion and Peace Jubilee on sale October 14th and 15th, final limit returning October 31st.

Winston-Salem, N. C., account Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias (Colored). Dates of sale July 13th to 19th inclusive. Tickets sold on certificate plan; one way fare going and certificate honored for return ticket until July 24th in basis one half straight fare plus 50 cents.

For further information call on ticket agents or address, J. O. JONES, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA:

I, H. L. Skinner, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, N. C., hereby request your Honorable Body to pass as an emergency measure, the following and attached resolution, entitled, "A Resolution authorizing the paving with sheet asphalt pavement of certain streets between designated points in the Town of Smithfield, N. C., and providing for assessment on the abutting property owners to defray part of the cost of the same under, and by virtue of, Chapter 56 of Public Laws of North Carolina, 1915." The said resolution authorizing the paving of certain portions of Second and Bridge Streets.

I do hereby request that the said resolution be passed as an emergency measure at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said Town on this date.

This 3rd day of July, 1917.

H. L. SKINNER, Mayor.

A Resolution authorizing the paving with Sheet Asphalt Pavement of certain streets between designated points and providing for assessment on the abutting property owners to defray part of the cost of same, under and by virtue of Chapter 56, Public Laws of North Carolina, 1915.

Be it Resolved by the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield:

That Whereas Second Street, from Market Street to Bridge or Smith Street, and Smith or Bridge Street, between Second Street and Neuse River Bridge, are badly in need of repairs and improvements, and the welfare and convenience of the public at large require that said streets should be graded, improved, and paved within the limits aforesaid, with asphalt or other suitable pavement, and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield hereby find that the above improvement is necessary; and

Whereas, further a majority of the owners, who represent more than a majority of the lineal feet of frontage abutting upon Second Street between Market Street and Bridge or Smith Street, and Bridge or Smith Street, between Second Street and Neuse River Bridge, have petitioned the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield, to pave the same with asphalt pavement, requiring in said petition that two-thirds of the cost of said pavement be assessed upon their lots abutting directly on said streets, according to their respective frontages thereon, by an equal rate per foot of said frontage; and

Whereas the said petition was duly filed with the Clerk of the Town of Smithfield, who investigated the sufficiency thereof and certified the result of his investigation to the Board of Commissioners of said Town to the effect that a majority in number of the owners, who represent more than a majority of all the lineal feet of frontage of the lands abutting upon Second Street between Market Street and Smith or Bridge Street, and Smith or Bridge Street between Second Street and Neuse River Bridge, have duly signed said petition, and that said petition complies with Chapter 56 of Public Laws of 1915 in all respects; and

Whereas the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield finds that the petition is sufficient in all respects, and that Chapter 56 of Public Laws of 1915 has been complied with in all respects, as to the filing and certifying of this petition to the Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield is of the opinion that all of the said streets above mentioned between the points designated and proposed to be paved, should be paved with asphalt of the kind and character required and specified by an Engineer to be employed by the Town to have charge of said construction; and

Whereas, in order to secure uniformity of work done, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that the work should be let out to contract in whole, by order of this Board under the assistance of Gilbert C. White, the engineer employed by said Town, and that this method would be better and cheaper for the property owners and for the Town; and

Whereas, said Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that the pavement aforesaid is the best and most suitable for said streets, and that said improvements should be made as aforesaid, to-wit, by contract for the whole work, and that two-thirds of the cost of said pavement should be assessed upon the lots abutting directly on said streets, within the limits above prescribed, according to their respective frontages thereon by an equal rate per foot of said frontage;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield, N. C., in a regular meeting sitting this 3rd day of July, 1917, That Second Street, between Market Street and Bridge or Smith Street, and Smith or Bridge Street, between Second Street and Neuse River Bridge, be paved with asphalt pavement as aforesaid, under and by virtue of Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915, and the procedure thereunder as hereinbefore set forth, and the General Laws of the State existing. And it is further resolved, That two-thirds of the cost of said pavement on each of the said streets aforesaid, within the limits prescribed, be hereinafter assessed upon the lots abutting directly upon said streets according to their frontage thereon, by an equal rate per foot of said frontage, the assessment against the said lots abutting on said streets to be based upon the total cost of paving that street within the limits prescribed, upon which said lots abut, exclusive of so much of the cost as may be incurred at street intersections.

Be it and it is hereby further resolved, That the proposition of the cost of said improvement herein provided for on the streets above designated, to be assessed upon the abutting property, shall be divided into ten equal annual installments, the said installments bearing interest at

the rate of six per cent per annum, from the date of the confirmation of the assessment roll, and shall become due and payable on the date on which taxes are payable, the first installment to be due and payable on the date on which taxes for the year 1917 are due and payable, and each year thereafter for a period through and including the year 1926.

E. S. SANDERS, Clerk.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

That under and by virtue of the powers contained in a Judgment of the Superior Court in a matter entitled: A. F. FUTURELL vs. W. C. GATEWOOD ET AL'S., I will on Saturday, August 4th, 1917, between the hours of 12 M., and 2 o'clock P. M., in front of the old Selma Grocery Company's building, on Raeford street, in the town of Selma, Johnston County and State of North Carolina, offer for sale:

That certain two-story brick building, 25 feet fronting on Raeford street and running back at right angles 80 feet, and being the same now occupied by Preston Mingo as a Grocery Store, and formerly occupied by The Selma Grocery Company, to the highest bidder for Cash.

This property is located in the best business district of Selma, North Carolina, and on one of the main streets. The terms of the sale are Cash, and the sale will be made subject to confirmation of the Court.

R. L. RAY, Commissioner.

This July 5th, 1917.

NOTICE OF SALE.

That under and by virtue of an order of J. B. Cheshire, Referee in Bankruptcy, I will, on Saturday, August 4th, 1917, between the hours of 12 M., and 2 o'clock P. M., in the town of Selma, North Carolina, in front of the First National Bank, offer for sale the following real estate to-wit:

"One House and Lot belonging to Caldonia Turner, situate near the colored graded school in the town of Selma, North Carolina, and described as follows:

"Beginning at Mary Williams' corner on Smithfield street, and runs northwesterly with the said street 75 feet to Eliza Richardson's corner; thence with Eliza Richardson's line eastwardly 75 feet to Claude Bell's corner; thence northwesterly with Claude Bell's line to Mary Williams' corner; thence westwardly with Mary Williams' line 75 feet to the point of beginning, being the same land purchased from J. H. Parker on September 23, 1903 by Caldonia Turner, and recorded in Book "A" No. 9 at page 548, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Johnston County and also the same identical land mortgaged to Nowell & Richardson, Inc., by Caldonia Turner and husband, Will Turner, on September 20th, 1910, as will appear by reference to Book "V" No. 10, at page 116, in the office of Register of Deeds of Johnston County."

Terms of sale Cash.
This June 30, 1917.
S. P. WOOD, Trustee,
of Nowell & Richardson, Bankrupts.
RAY & COCKERHAM,
Attorneys.

NOTICE.

This is to notify the public generally that I have sold by business heretofore conducted as the Kenly Feed & Grocery Co., to Mr. Julian Richardson and he will continue to conduct same under the title of Kenly Feed & Grocery Co. I am no longer connected with the business in any capacity and will not be responsible for any obligations created or incurred by the present Kenly Feed & Grocery Co., Julian Richardson, proprietor.

All obligations of the Kenly Feed & Grocery Co. prior to July 1, 1917, will be settled by me.

This the 5th day of July, 1917.
STEPHEN H. ALFORD,
Trading as
KENLY FEED & GROCERY CO.
PAUL D. GRADY,
Attorney.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Johnston Grocery Company, composed of J. K. Cunningham and W. H. Stegal, doing a wholesale grocery business in the town of Smithfield, N. C., is dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing by above firm will be paid by, and all accounts due above firm should be paid, to Sanders, Cunningham, Ward Company, which said firm will continue the business formerly carried on by said Johnston Grocery Company.

This July 11, 1917.
J. K. CUNNINGHAM.
W. H. STEGAL.
Smithfield, N. C.

NOTICE.

On Tuesday, July the 31st, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the late residence of Gaston Grantham, in Bentonville, I will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, his stock of merchandise, consisting of Groceries, Tin and Glass Ware, Dry Goods and Notions; also store fixtures and Mechanic Tools, and several other things too numerous to mention.

Don't forget time and place.
W. A. POWELL,
Admr. of Gaston Grantham Estate.
This July 9th, 1917.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Gaston Grantham, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 29th day of June, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 28th day of June, 1917.
W. A. POWELL,
Administrator.