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SMITHFIELD A BUSY TOWN.

The past few days have been record breakers in the town of Smithfield. Tremendous breaks of tobacco at the several warehouses at very high prices have caused much money to be turned loose here. Much of this money has been paid on accounts and spent for needed goods for the home and farm. But quite a lot of it has found its way to the banks and the deposits have run high each day. A leading business man told The Herald that last week was one of the biggest business weeks in the history of the town. This week has been another one to match last week. The tobacco breaks have been heavy beginning with Tuesday.

How unlike three years ago when there was, at this time, no market for cotton, and tobacco selling so ridiculously low that many felt like it would not pay to go to the trouble to put in on the market. Business was awfully depressed and hard times confronted our people. The great war had just broken out in Europe and business was at a standstill throughout the world. But times have changed. Business has become accustomed to war conditions and times were never more prosperous, even though the country is at war with a great foreign power. Thanks to the work of the present Administration, the finances of the country are on a sound basis and business of every kind is moving on as though there were no war. The perfect organization of almost every branch of American industry through the work of the National Council of Defense has brought about some wonderful results and if we did not see soldiers on every hand and read the newspapers daily we would not suspect that the nation was engaged in the greatest war of all times.

The lessons which have already been taught the American people as a result of the war are manifold and of far-reaching import. The country and its people will never be the same again. And out of the terrible war, out of much suffering and sacrifice, will come some great blessings, blessings which in the long run will make us a greater and more noble people.

SERIOUS RUSSIAN SITUATION.

A country that has never known freedom has a hard time establishing a stable government. Russia has had its autocratic government overthrown and some of the strong men of that country have been trying with might and main to set in motion a government which will be acceptable to the people. The task is one of tremendous magnitude. Set free from the thralldom of the Romanoffs, men of every shade of opinion believe that their plans are the best for the new government. And thus it goes. Miliukoff and Kerensky, both strong men—but so far neither has been able to bring order out of chaos. General Korniloff, highly honored by Kerensky, is now seeking his own elevation. Russia needs a George Washington and needs him now. What will be the outcome of it all, who is able to tell at this time.

New Clerks Added to Force.

Business in Smithfield has been very good for the past few weeks and some of our enterprising merchants have been compelled to enlarge their sales force, in order to meet the demands made on them. The Austin-Stephenson Company is one of those concerns whose business grows every year. Recently they have added two more men to their force. They are Mr. C. P. Spence, of Buie's Creek, and Mr. John Parker, of the Atkinson Mill section of Oneals township. Both these men are good salesmen and they will add strength to the business. Mr. Spence is a new man in this section. Mr. Parker is no stranger here, having spent some time here as the representative of the Singer Company. We are glad to have them with us and bespeak for them the consideration of the trading public.

A Wheat Grower Says Plant It.

Mr. J. Walter Myatt was here Wednesday, and in talking over farm matters asked us to try to get the farmers to plant wheat this fall. Mr. Myatt has grown wheat twenty-seven years. He regards it as important to plant wheat every year whether the price is high or low. He says that if wheat brings only seventy-five cents per bushel it will pay to plant it as it gives us our supplies at home and gives an opportunity to sow peas after the wheat, and both together give the land a rotation and improve it. Speaking of the cost of seed wheat, Mr. Myatt says that cotton seed at one dollar a bushel will help to pay for seed wheat at \$2.50 per bushel. He says he has observed that his neighbors across Middle Creek from him—the Lassiters—nearly always have something to sell. When they go to town they carry some kind of produce to pay for what they have to buy. He considers this a good plan for all farmers.

Johnston County Game Laws.

We have recently had many inquiries concerning the Johnston County Game Laws, and especially the law relating to the killing of squirrels. We have been unable to learn much about these laws. The Editor wrote the Legislative Reference Librarian to find out these things. Mr. Wilson, the Librarian, writes us that he is preparing a bulletin on the subject which will be ready soon. This bulletin will give all the information necessary concerning the game laws. As soon as received we shall be glad to publish these laws as they relate to Johnston County. In the meantime we would advise every man to be very careful for fear that he might violate some of these laws.

Growing Clover in Meadow.

Mr. I. F. Parker, of Meadow township, visited Smithfield this week. He is putting in three and a half acres of annual clover. This is done to graze stock and for soil improvement. He sows it broadcast in his cotton and plows the middles just a little with a spike-tooth harrow. He has bought twenty-six pounds of alfalfa seed and is planting an acre of it. Before this he had an alfalfa patch for three years which he cut for hay four to five times a year. He will plant this month several acres of Abruzzie rye also.

Turlington Graded School to Open.

The Fall session of the Turlington Graded School will open next Monday with the best faculty that has ever been gathered together here. The prospects for a good opening are fine and a large attendance is expected. Much work has been done on the grounds and around the school building getting everything in readiness for the opening day.

Everything will be ready except the new Domestic Science room and this will be ready soon.

It is hoped that every parent will send their children if they can possibly do so on the opening day. It will be much better for the children and the entire school for all to commence at the beginning of the term. Those who expect to place their children in the first grade this Fall should plan to send them on the opening day.

Superintendent Marrow and Principal Whitley have been busy working out the courses of study and the program for the recitations.

A Busy Work Shop.

A visit to the Garage of Mr. Simon B. Jones will convince one that it is a busy place these days. People who ride in automobiles find trouble from time to time, and like the man who goes for a doctor when he is sick, people take their cars to a garage when they need attention. Mr. Jones has recently greatly enlarged his force by adding two first class mechanics. Mr. Chas. B. Register, of Rocky Mount, has accepted a position with Mr. Jones and has moved his family here. Mr. Register was a former resident of Smithfield and is well known to a large number of the people in this section who own cars as a man who knows what to do with them when they get in trouble. We are glad to have Mr. Register and his family back in town again.

Mr. J. W. Johnson, of Raleigh, another expert automobile mechanic, is also with Mr. Jones. Like Mr. Register, Mr. Jones has had several years experience in garage and machine work. He will soon move his family to Smithfield.

Mr. Jones now has three expert mechanics in his garage—Mr. J. Roy Keene, Mr. Chas. B. Register and Mr. J. J. Johnson.

Maine, leader in State Prohibition, and the State to hold the first election in Presidential years, has turned down the woman suffrage cause. A special election was held Monday and the suffrage plan badly defeated at the polls.

A STRONG MAN IS KERENSKY.

His Determined Efforts for Liberty Are Gaining Ground, While Korniloff's Followers, Realizing That They Are Being Misled, Are Deserting Him and Siding With the Government.

General Korniloff's rebellion against Premier Kerensky apparently has been quelled, like other attempts that have been made to overthrow the Russian provisional government.

Official reports from Petrograd today say that Korniloff's headquarters has surrendered and that Korniloff himself desires conditionally to place himself in the hands of the authorities. The government is demanding his abject capitulation.

Meanwhile troops that had answered the call issued by Korniloff continue to desert his ranks and return to the government fold, declaring that they were misled by Korniloff's professed aims.

Kerensky has been confirmed by the cabinet as commander-in-chief of the army and will have with him as chief of staff in his prosecution of the war against the Teutonic allies General Alexieff, former commander-in-chief and one of the most brilliant officers in the Russian army. Added strength is also expected to be given Kerensky's rule by the appointment of new military officials for the district and city of Petrograd.—Associated Press, in to-day's News and Observer.

SENATOR GORE OUT OF LINE.

Some of the men in the present United States Senate may find themselves left at home when their time expires. This is a time when men everywhere are not expected to press their opinions too strongly on the public, unless those opinions coincide with the plans of the Government in the conduct of the war with Germany. The man who kicks against the government and the plans the leaders are putting forth to bring the war to a victorious end, may be patriots, but they will never be able to convince the public of their patriotism.

The attitude of Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, in opposing the war measures of the Administration, is calling forth a storm of protest from his party in his home State. His course has not been pleasing to his home folks and he has been asked to resign, according to the newspaper reports. A telegram from the chairman of the Democratic State Committee said: "Oklahoma wants an American patriot in the Senate; help win the war or resign." The Governor is quoted as saying: "Let Gore resign; I'll appoint a patriot in his place."

Senator Gore's present term, which is his second, will end March, 1919. It is said that the Administration Democrats in Oklahoma are now casting about for a man to run against Senator Gore in 1918. The friends of Representative Scott Ferris are urging him to get in the race.

In his campaign for the nomination for the Presidency in 1912, President Wilson had a strong supporter in Senator Gore. In the early morning hours of Friday, June 28, 1912, Senator Gore made a strong speech in seconding the nomination of Wilson. The delegates and visitors who had listened through hours of great nominating speeches were again filled with enthusiasm as they heard the eloquent Gore speak of the great qualities of Woodrow Wilson. Now many of these are disappointed in the blind senator.

Senator Gore was a strong supporter of the Administration until the situation with Germany began to grow acute. It is to be regretted that such an able and useful man as Senator Gore is not able to stand with the Administration on all the great questions touching the country in this, the greatest crisis in the nation's history.

Weather For Cotton States.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 13.—Temperatures continue below the seasonal average except in the extreme western portion of the cotton region with minima from forty-four to fifty-four in eastern, fifty to sixty in central, and fifty-four to seventy degrees in western portion of the cotton region.

No precipitation worth mention except showers in central and eastern Oklahoma, extreme western Arkansas, and along the Atlantic coast.

Heavy rains—Oklahoma, Okemah, 1.20.

The Rev. Dr. W. P. Jacobs died at Clinton, S. C., this week at the age of 75. He was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Clinton for 47 years, resigning in 1911. Since that time he has given his pastoral services to the Thornwell Memorial Church at the Presbyterian Orphanage.

The value of the exports from Japan to the United States in 1916 was \$169,604,040. The leading article was raw and waste silk.

SOME FIGURES ABOUT AN ARMY CANTONMENT.

Philadelphia Ledger.

Boston seems to have put one over on the rest of the country.

A local firm of contractors built Camp Devens, the army cantonment at Ayer, Mass., on schedule time.

In other words, they built a city in two months.

The subject made so strong an appeal to my friend William V. Alexander that he sends me the half-page advertisement in which the successful contractors gave the interesting statistics of the big job.

Here are some of the facts as found in the advertisement:

In addition to finishing the 622 buildings called for to be complete on September 1 the firm erected 124 other buildings ahead of schedule time.

It was a \$6,000,000 contract and required a force of 9000 men, whose weekly payroll amounted to \$400,000.

One building was finished every forty minutes for two months.

Every day fifty carloads of materials were unloaded, and 30,000,000 feet of lumber were used in the buildings.

A complete water supply system, with its twenty miles of pipe, was installed, and an equally complete system of drainage, also including twenty miles of pipe, was built.

Naturally Camp Devens stands at the top of the list of cantonments in percentage of completion.

Opening of Selma School.

The Selma Graded School opened Monday morning, September 10th, with a large crowd of the parents and friends of the school present. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. E. Stevens of the Baptist church.

Mr. Moser, the new Superintendent, welcomed the students and inspired them by his very earnest appeal for hard work. He then called upon members of the board who welcomed the new superintendent and the teachers.

Before the opening exercises the parents and teachers had an informal gathering that they might better understand each other. There are several new teachers this year, viz: Mr. Moser from Wakelon High School; Miss Margaret Boseman, of Enfield; Mr. Coy Williams, of Graham; Miss Lila Best, of Allendale, S. C.; Miss Strickland, of High Point; Miss Warren, of Durham.

The outlook for the year is good. With so energetic and capable a leader, assisted by the live corps of teachers, the school is going to be the best in its history.

Selma, N. C., Sept. 13, 1917.

The Game Laws Violated.

A correspondent writes:

"The game laws are being violated with much frequency in Johnston County, squirrels being the most important to the hunters. What is the matter with our game warden? It's up to him to thoroughly investigate the reports of violators and at the same time do some arresting if the guilty parties are caught. Only hawks and crows can be hunted at this season of the year, November 1st, being the date of the open season for squirrels."

JOHNSON SCHOOL HOUSE NEWS.

Mr. B. D. Wood, of Fentress, Va., has been spending some time at the home of Mr. W. D. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Champion returned last Monday from Raleigh, where they have been spending some time with their sister, who was very ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. Robert L. Powell spent last Tuesday night in the Willow Springs section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hardee and little girl, Jewel, of Fentress, Va., are spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Johnson.

Little Miss Ida Laurie Holland is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Wood and little son, Holland, returned to their home in Fentress, Va., last Wednesday.

Mrs. Jesse Wood spent last Monday night with her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Holland.

On Wednesday, September 12th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Johnson, there was a family reunion. Some of those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Wood, and son Holland, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hardee and daughter, Jewel, of Fentress, Va.; Mr. D. H. Holland and sons, Clem and Burke, of Duke, N. C.; Mrs. Otis Coats, of McCullers, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson, of Smithfield. There were thirty in all who enjoyed the hospitality of the home. A nice barbecued pig and quite a variety of good things were served for dinner. In the afternoon there was music of both vocal and instrumental, and when the day drew to a close we all felt like saying "good by Sweet Day."

ONE PRESENT.

Fresh Turnip Seed

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