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Machine at Work To Elect Morrison.

To those who have been working for the free expression of Carolina's citizenship through the ballot the activity of the Simmons machine in its effort to force the nomination of Cameron Morrison as Democracy's standard bearer in the approaching gubernational campaign is as unwelcome as it will prove unwholesome for the party. Machine methods should have no place in the present scheme of politics. No man—not even the Honorable Furnifold, himself, should be allowed to dictate to free voters whom they should choose for any office.

However, Mr. Simmons' statellites are certainly at work for the worthy Cam. One has but to visit any Federal building of the State where agents of the various Federal departments hold forth to discover this. Most of these men give their allegiance to Simmons because Simmons has given them their jobs. That is fair enough. They fulfill an obligation. But some where—in civil service regulations, we believe—there is a clause which is supposed to prohibit their meddling into politics. They also are under some obligation to the public, since the public pays their way.

Mr. Simmons, of course, has the right accorded every citizen to vote for whom he pleases. He may go so far as to publicly champion the cause of the man of his choice. His influence, however, should not be permitted to compel those who travel at public expense to spend the public's time and money in defeating the public's will.

It is possible that these men have not had "the word" from Mr. Simmons. They may not know what he wants them to do. But it is certain that they are making a pretty good guess or they would have been turned into other paths before now.

Bob Page is the mark at which they are aiming their heaviest guns. They profess to believe that he has no "chance at all"—that the race is really between Max Gardner and Mr. Morrison. This appears to us to be a weak attempt to belittle the man which many believe to be the biggest and strongest man in the race.

Such tactics may win for Morrison, but in the long run they are bound to lose for the party. Robert N. Page deserves better of the Democratic party than its leaders in Washington would have it treat him. Certainly their methods make us lean more strongly toward him.

Good Roads and How to Build Them

One of the greatest achievements of Congress during the last four years is the plan for Federal aid in road building. Millions of dollars have been appropriated for this purpose and a wonderful impetus has been given to road building in all parts of the country. As usual, however, the States of the North and Middle West have been the first to take advantage of the funds and are going ahead with well defined plans to build hard surface roads while North Carolina communities slumber over their opportunities.

Indiana, an example of Middle Western progressiveness, planned more than a year ago to make the most of Federal funds. Four great market highways to connect the important trading points of the State were already mapped out there before North Carolina realized that it toy was included in the national scheme of things. Out there every little town has formed good roads associations whose sole aim in life is to get good roads. Within a short while these roads—two north and south and two east and west—will have been completed. Practically every county in Indiana will be connected by these roads.

North Carolina has no such admirable plan as this, so far as we have been able to learn. It has, however, made provisions through which it will cooperate with the Federal government in giving aid to communities that will go about constructing roads according to specific plans.

To get State and Federal aid Dunn and other towns of Eastern Carolina must abandon all selfish interests and work in harmony. Federal and State aid is not being given isolated communities. Help is given only to those towns that fit themselves to become a part of a plan that is nation or state-wide in its scope.

First we must get the active support of Benson, Clinton, Fayetteville and Raleigh. Then we must arrange to provide funds to pay our part of the cost of construction and maintenance. These funds must be larger than anything we have ever attempted in the way of taxation for roads. Hundreds of thousands will probably be needed for the initial outlay. Much missionary work must be done among the tax payers before this money can be raised, but it is a task whose fulfillment will amply repay the effort.

Hard surface roads will be the channels of future transportation. That future is not many decades distant. If we are to continue our pretentions to progressiveness we must begin now to prepare for that time. The community that holds to the old selfish system of road building will soon be relegated to the realm whither the dodo has already flown.

IN AND ABOUT THE TOWN

Earnings by the First National Bank of Dunn totalled 33 per cent during the last year, according to a statement made to the stockholders in their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon. A semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent was declared and paid. The balance of the earnings were transferred to the surplus account for further protection to depositors. Ellis Goldstein and J. Lloyd Wade were added to the directorate of the bank and all of the old officers and directors were reelected. They are D. C. Fussell, President; G. M. Tilghman, Vice-President. H. B. Taylor, Cashier; W. B. Baldwin, Assistant Cashier, and D. C. Fussell, G. M. Tilghman, John W. Draughon, John A. McKay and Marvin Wade directors. The past year was one of the most successful ever experienced by the bank. A special resolution of thanks to the officers and directors was adopted by the stockholders. More than a million and a quarter dollars was on deposit Tuesday. This was practically double the deposits at the time of last year's annual meeting.

P. S. Cooper has sold his stock in the Bank of Coats and with the annual meeting of its stockholders this week retired as its president and director. N. T. Patterson, cashier of the institution since its foundation, succeeds Mr. Cooper. Other officers elected are Elder J. T. Coats, vice-president; C. E. S wart, cashier; J. R. Baggett and L. L. Levinson, attorneys, and Miss Blanche Graham, stenographer. Mr. Patterson, Elder Coats, Mr. Baggett, Mr. Levinson, Dr. H. C. Roberts and W. E. Nichols form the bank's directorate. The earnings of the institution last year exceeded 100 per cent. A stock dividend for this amount was declared. It was also decided to sell an additional $5,000 in stock so as to bring the capitalization up to $25,000. The present resources of the bank are over $375,000, according to the report submitted to the stockholders.

Cost of the new artesian well will be approximately $20,000 according to rough estimates furnished by prospective contractors. This is neary equal to the first cost of the entire light and water plant seventeen years ago. But it is admitted that Dunn must have a new well. One good healthy stream of water from this well would be worth several times its cost when fire threatens.

W. H. Newberry, L. U. Bizzell and H. A. Parker, forming a committee appointed by the Board of Town Commissioners, visited Southport this week to inspect crude oil engines in use there in the municipal power station and in other plants. They were very favorably impressed and probably will recommend the purchase of similar ones for the power and water plant here. Mr. Bizzell superintendent of the water and light department, made such a recommendation at the last monthly meeting of the board. The initial cost of the engines, however, causes the commissioners to hesitate. Probably $35,000 would be required to install machines that would be ample for present and immediate future requirements. It is certain that the crude oil engines would save a sum equal to this within five years if they will perform as nicely as manufacturers say they will. At any rate, the local plant must have additional equipment very soon or it will collapse. Dunn cannot afford to delay, think those who are familiar with the situation.

Although the Board of Commissioners determined several weeks ago to remodel the Opera House, no steps toward this end have been taken as yet. One reason is the scarcity of building material and labor. Another may be that the commissioners do not realize the necessity for speed. Most of the plastering on the walls and ceilings has cracked and a large part of it has fallen. There is also much danger from that which still hangs to the laths. If something is not done soon the entire building will suffer damage that will cost much to repair.

Fifty additional garbage cans have been placed along Broad street in the business district at the instance of Chief of Police Page. Visitors to Dunn are asked to use these for waste paper, fruit peels and other refuse. Merchants are warned that they must use these for waste swept from their store. A recent ordinance imposes a fine of $10 upon persons who are found guilty of sweeping into alleys and back lots. The chief is experiencing considerable difficulty in keeping the streets and alleys clean, although a large force of laborers and garbage wagons are kept constantly at work. He asks that visitors and townspeople cooperate with him in this work.

Stockholders of the Harnett County Fair Association will meet here in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce Friday afternoon, January 23. In this meeting plans for enlarging the fair plant and for the holding of this year's fair will be discussed. Directors of the organization have some rather ambitious plans to present to the body and it is thought that they will be adopted. Secretary Owen Odum was here Saturday arranging for the meeting.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

SALE VALUABLE FARM.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Harnett County, N. C., in an action or Special Proceeding before the Clerk entitled L. W. Hockaday et als. vs. Azaleta Hockaday et als. the undersigned commissioners will offer for sale for one third cash and the balance in one and two years, on Wednesday the 4th day of Feby. 1920, the following described farm, to-wit:

42 acres of land in Harnett County, N. C. beginning at a stake in Ennis Lee and Hilery Stewart's corner and runs as the Ennis line S. 80 E. 8.5 chains to a stake; thence S. 24 E 13 1-2 chains to a stake; thence S. 31 W. 16.5 chains to a stake S Norris's corner of the Atkins 150 acre tract or survey; thence as that line N. 62 W. 14.33 chains to a stake the second corner of the A. H. Lee tract; thence as that line to the beginning, containing 42 acres more or less, being lot No. 7 in the Division of the lands of Young Hyatt, dec'd. Terms to be made for a division, and the place on the premise above described at 12.30 o'clock M. on Wednesday the 4th day of Feby. 1920.

This, 1st. 1920.

J. R. BARBOUR,
J. WILLIS CREECH,
Commissioners.

NOTICE OF SALE OF ROAD BONDS OF AVERASBORO TOWNSHIP HARNETT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Road Commissioners of Averasboro Township Harnett County, State of North Carolina, will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of Fifty Thousand ($50,000.00) Dollars, in bonds of said Commissioners, issued under authority of Chapter 427, Public Local Laws of 1913 up to 12 o'clock M. February 14th, 1920.

Said bonds will be issued in denomination of $1000.00 each, unless otherwise prescribed by the purchaser; will be dated March 1st, 1920, and bear interest from date at six per cent, payable semi-annually, both principal and interest payable in the City of New York, said bonds to mature twenty years after date; that is to say, on March 1st, 1940.

All proposals must be accompanied by certified check upon a responsible bank payable to the Treasurer of the Road Commissioners of Averasboro Township, in the sum of $1000.00 The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All proposals will be opened in the office of Clifford & Townsend, First National Bank Building, Dunn, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M. February 14th, 1920. For further particulars address the Chairman or Secretary, or Clifford & Townsend, Attorneys, Dunn, N. C.

G. L. HEMMINGWAY,
Chairman.
B. O. TOWNSEND,
Secretary

NOTICE

North Carolina, Harnett County, In the Superior Court
Nancy Caldwell vs. B. R. Caldwell

The defendant, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Harnett county by the plaintiff for the purpose of securing from the defendant a decree of absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of Superior Court of Harnett County to be held on the Eleventh Monday after the first Monday in March, 1920, it being the 17th day of May, 1920, at the Courthouse in said county, in Lillington, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 12th day of January, 1920.

A. A. McDONALD
Clerk Superior Court.

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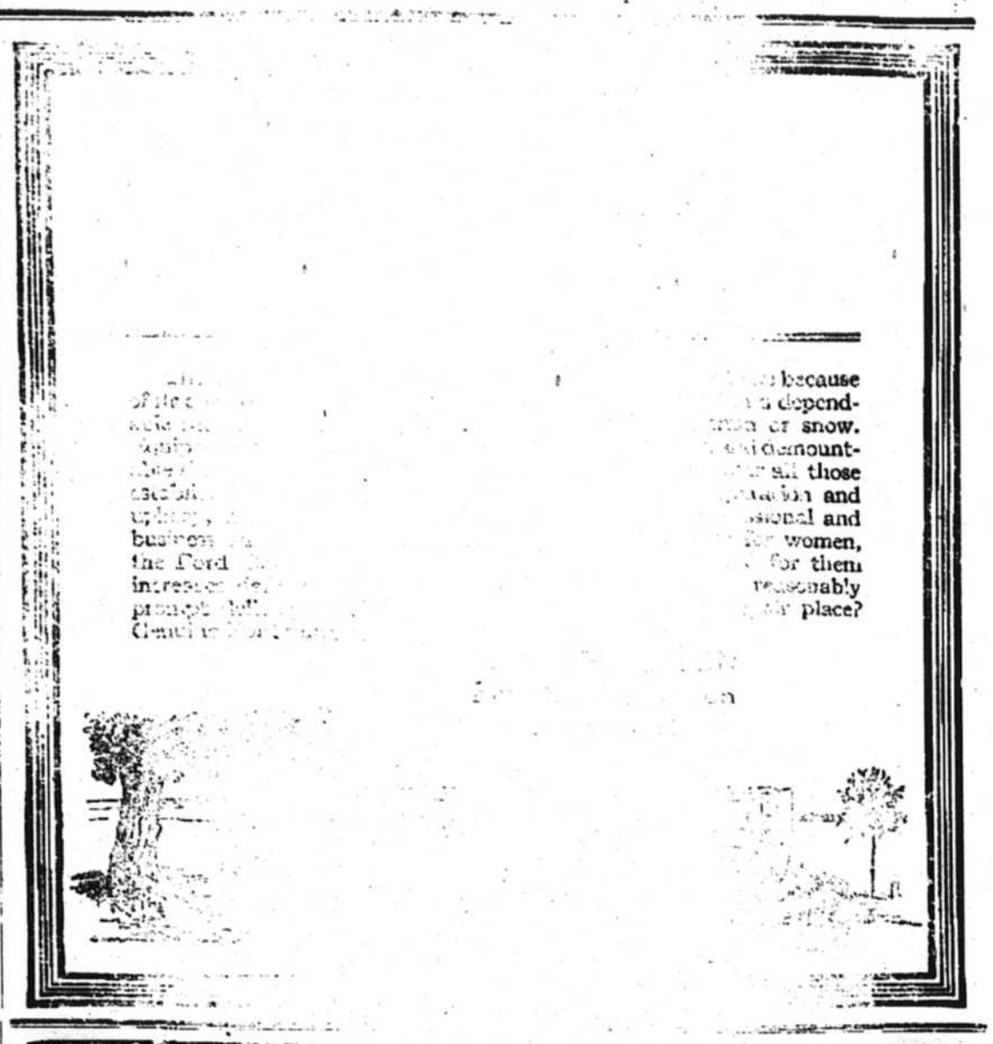

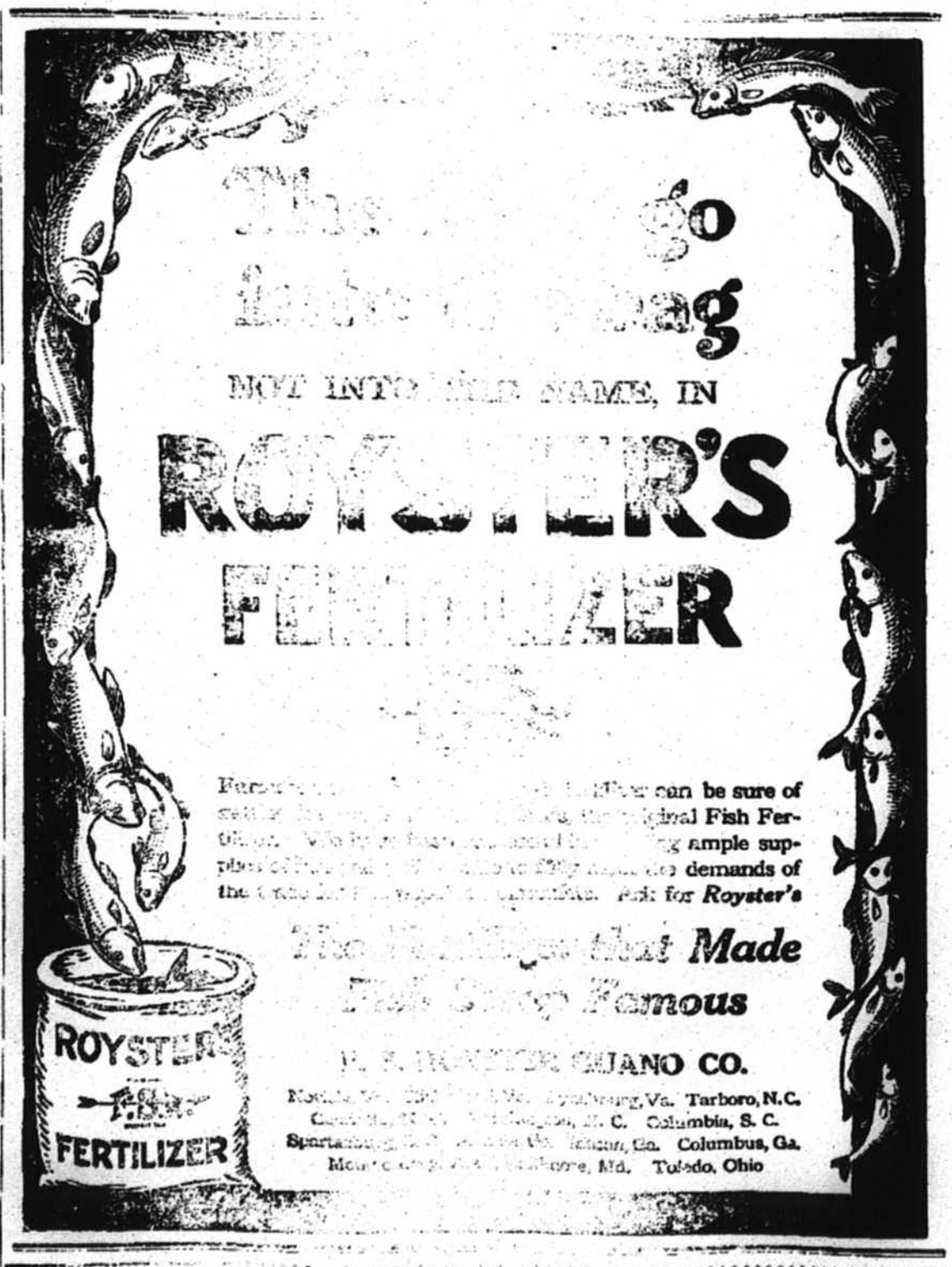

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WHISKEY AS A MEDICINE NOW AGITATING THE METROPOLIS

New York, Jan. 21.—Dr. Royal S. Copeland, health commissioner, received complaints today that physicians were unable to obtain whiskey for treatment of patients. He said that only about 10 per cent. of the druggists in the city had liquor licenses and declared that he would urge the establishment of stations by the government where liquor could [illegible] Copeland added, believe whiskey essential in pneumonia cases.