

In the death of Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock our State lost one of its most valuable citizens. We are greatly indebted to him for his efforts in the educational awakening in the State, and for the peace that we now enjoy as a result of the amendment campaign, in which he lent valuable assistance. The announcement of his death was a great shock, coming as it did on the eve of his campaign for U. S. Senator, which would no doubt have been a brilliant one.

LOCAL POLITICS.

In our rounds this week we have found that the local political pot is beginning to simmer just a little. The Democrats are beginning to look around for a candidate for the Legislature and several names have been suggested. Some seem to want a farmer this time for the office and the names of Mr. John L. Houk and Mr. Lewis Warlick have been suggested. Others suggested for Representative are Messrs. R. T. Claywell, C. M. McDowell, F. P. Tate, J. E. Erwin, W. E. Walton, R. L. Huffman and B. F. Davis. And Mr. J. F. Spainhour has also been suggested to succeed himself. Whether either of the gentlemen mentioned is a candidate is not yet known.

Not much is being said yet about candidates for the other county offices, but it is probable there will be a plenty to fill the places on the ticket.

The Republicans are saying nothing, waiting, as usual, we suppose, for the Democrats to "take the first go."

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTESTS.

In the Illinois preferential primaries on Tuesday there was a landslide for Roosevelt and Clark and noises for these two Presidential candidates have increased. But Taft and Wilson have a good lead and altho' there are strong combinations against both, it is believed they will finally land the plum at Chicago and Baltimore respectively.

The following from Mr. H. E. C. Bryant's Washington letter of the 8th to the Charlotte Observer is most interesting on the Taft-Roosevelt situation:

The Taft people have enough delegates instructed and pledged to nominate him. Nobody here, unless it be a few of the Roosevelt worshippers, believe that Mr. Taft can be defeated. If Roosevelt had started two months before he did, then he might have scotched the Taft machine, but before he began to work Taft delegates were crystallizing.

About 60 days ago, when a great Catholic leader said that Taft would win, the Taft movement got its real start. And on the situation in North Carolina Mr. Bryant says: North Carolina, unless the Roosevelt men decide at the last moment to climb on the Taft band wagon, which will be loaded when it passes the Tar Heel State, will send a Roosevelt delegation to Chicago. There is no more Roosevelt sentiment in North Carolina than one finds in other Southern States, but the anti-Taft sentiment, caused by the Greensboro speech of 1906, the Connor appointment, and the unequal distribution of, or the shortage of, offices is rampant there.

The Duncan-Morehead controversy is splitting the Republican party in North Carolina. Both Duncan and Morehead are supporting Taft, but neither seems able to control his followers. It begins to look as if Morehead and Duncan might be swept out of their positions of honor in the Republican organization by the oncoming wave of anti-Taft sentiment. If the North Carolina Republican leaders can keep the State convention from instructing for Roosevelt it will have done a good day's work for Taft. Morehead and his friends are very active, but Duncan, who has not been popular at the White House until recently, is like "brer fox," "lyin' mighty low."

The Taft people virtually concede North Carolina to Roosevelt.

Sudden Death of Ex-Gov. Aycock.

Dropped Dead While Making a Speech on "Universal Education" at Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Dispatch, 4th. Former Governor Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina dropped dead at the Jefferson Theatre tonight while addressing the Alabama Educational Association. Mr. Aycock was speaking on "Universal Education, Its Necessity and Benefit." He was about one-fourth through his address when he suddenly staggered back a step and fell to the floor so suddenly that those on the stage were unable to reach him in time to support him.

Water was hastily thrown on his face and he was taken to the wings of the theatre, but expired at once. Death was pronounced to be the result of heart failure.

Governor Aycock followed Governor O'Neal of Alabama, who had just delivered an address to the association on "Some Educational Problems." Governor O'Neal and other men prominent in educational circles in the South were seated on the stage during Governor Aycock's address.

Governor Aycock had been in poor health for some months and only a week ago returned to Raleigh from Philadelphia, where he spent a month in a sanitarium fortifying himself for the strenuous canvass of the State which he was to begin next Friday, April 12, with opening speech in Raleigh to be followed by one in Charlotte, for the nomination by State primary for United States Senator, to succeed F. M. Simmons.

Those who knew him best knew he had been afflicted with a malady that might prove fatal, but no such immediate result was anticipated. He leaves a widow and eight children—six girls and two boys—all minors except the oldest, Miss Alice.

Since his term as Governor, he practiced law, the last three years, in Raleigh, having removed his residence to that city from his old home in Goldsboro, in 1909, and enjoyed probably the most lucrative practice of any lawyer in the State.

The sudden passing of this man removes from the State one of its most unique and brilliant characters and comes as a shocking announcement not only to friends politically, but friends personal and universal. Hardly a man in North Carolina will be so genuinely and so generally mourned. He was beloved of all, the high and the low, the plebeian and the patriot. As a man in other days without political preference, he endeared himself to the hearts of associates as few others in the State have been able to burn their personalities into the people. He was kind and compassionate.

None were so stooped in poverty or covered with crime that he could not reach them by his gentle ministrations. None were so lofty in position or crowned with honor that they could not take from him some word of warning or some counsel that cheered and lent encouragement.

The remains were brought to Raleigh and interred at Oakwood cemetery Sunday afternoon, a great throng attending the funeral, which was held from the First Baptist church of that city.

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

If you have sore eyes of any kind use Sutherland's Eagle Eye ointment. It is good for nothing but the eyes. It is painless and harmless, and is positively the best you can use. Try it and then tell your neighbor. Sold everywhere. 25c a tube.

EVERY BOTTLE IS GUARANTEED.

Every bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is guaranteed to give satisfaction in all throat and bronchial troubles.

Call For Republican Primary and County Convention.

The Republican State convention for the election of delegates to Republican convention for nomination of a candidate for President having been called to meet in Raleigh early in the month of May, and the public convention for this Congressional district for the election of delegates to the National convention and nomination of a candidate for Congress having been called to meet in Hickory on the day previous to the convention in Raleigh, it is necessary that we hold an early convention for election of delegates to these two conventions.

Therefore, a County Convention for this county is hereby called to assemble in Morganton, on Saturday, the 27th day of April, 1912, at 1 o'clock p. m. The primaries of the various townships and precincts will call and hold their township primary at the usual regular places on Saturday, the 20th day of April, 1912, at which they will select delegates to the County Republican Convention to be held in Morganton on the 27th day of April, 1912. J. W. MARTIN, Secretary. J. M. MULL, Chairman.

The South ern Railway Offers Extremely Low Round Trip Rates to Macon, Ga., on Account Annual Reunion United Confederate Veterans, May 7th, 8th and 9th, 1912.

On account of this occasion the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Macon, Ga., on May 5, 6, 7 and 8th, 1912, with privilege of extension of final limit until June 5th by personally depositing ticket with special agent at Macon not later than May 15th and upon payment of 50 cents per ticket at time of depositing. Stop overs will be permitted at Atlanta and several other points within limit of ticket, either going or returning trip, or both, by depositing ticket with agent at point of stop over. Arrangements have been made to sell side trip tickets from Macon to a large number of points within a radius of five hundred miles at greatly reduced rates. The following round trip rates will apply from stations named:

Table with 2 columns: Station Name and Rate. Statesville \$7.30, Hickory 7.80, Morganton 7.80, Mooresville 7.15, Davidson 7.00, Cornelius 7.00, Newton 7.30, Shelby 6.30, Rutherfordton 6.90, Forest City 6.30.

Reduced round trip rates on same basis from all other stations on Southern Railway. Arrangements are now being made for the operation of two special trains to take care of the movement from North Carolina, one starting at Raleigh and one at Charlotte, N. C., leaving Charlotte about 7:30 a. m., Monday, May 6th, arriving at Macon early Tuesday morning, May 7th. These trains will consist of first-class coaches and Pullman sleeping cars, exact schedule to be announced later. Passengers from branch line points can use regular trains to junction points, connecting at such junction points with the special trains.

For detailed information in connection with rates, reservations, schedules, etc., apply to any agent, or R. H. DEBUTTS, D. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

MORGANTON PROOF.

Should Convince Every Morganton Reader.

The frank statement of a neighbor, telling the merits of a remedy. Bids you pause and believe. The same endorsement by some stranger far away, commands no belief at all. Here's a Morganton case. A Morganton citizen testifies. Read and be convinced.

G. H. Lowdermilk, merchant, Main St., Morganton, N. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are fine, do just as claimed for them. All I said in 1908 when I publicly recommended them still holds good. I had pains through my back and kidneys and was in pretty bad shape. The kidney action was too frequent and annoying. When I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a supply at the Burke Drug Co. and used them. They gave me complete relief and I have not been bothered since."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Farmers Need It.

The progressive farmer is regarded as the "TYPE" of the future. He lives well, has practically everything he wants, and has money in the bank. Do you know what made the successful farmer? Why, it was simply the application of business principles and methods to agriculture. If you are a farmer and haven't a business education, you are simply making old money. Earth give you a bare living, when she ought to yield you a surplus. Apply business principles—bookkeeping, etc.—to your farming operations, and you will be astonished to see how much more can be done by a little FIGURING than by a lot of SWEATING. For catalogue, address Draughton's Practical Business College, Charlotte or Raleigh, N. C., or Knoxville or Nashville, Tenn.

STATESVILLE, N. C., Office of Collector of Internal Revenue, April 9th, 1912.—The interests of Eliza Jane Farre and Epsy Ann Lee in the following described tract of land, seized and levied upon under a warrant of distraint for the non-payment of assessed taxes due, will be sold on and prior to March 22, 1912, and before the realty was conveyed by deed to Will Williams, will be sold as provided by Section 3197, Revised Statutes, at public auction on Saturday, on May 4th, 1912, in front of the Court House door, at Morganton, Burke county, North Carolina, lying on the outskirts of Morganton, Burke county, North Carolina, with metes and bounds as follows: Keaton's south west corner, and runs north 45 feet to a stake on N. T. Keaton's line; thence east 33 feet to a stake; thence south 45 feet to a stake on Walton street; thence west 23 feet to the beginning, adjoining lands of N. T. Keaton and Manly McDowell. GEO. H. BROWN, Collector of Internal Revenue.

FRESH FISH.

From now on I will keep Fresh Fish every day except Sunday and Monday. The Shad season is coming in and I expect a few Shad in every shipment. Will make brace as low as possible.

Large Roe Shad 75c. Large Buck Shad 50c. Last week of Oyster Season. I appreciate your orders. THOMAS LOWDERMILK, Collector Internal Revenue.

TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS

When in need of a cough medicine use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is the best. Look for the bell on the Bottle.

"My little son had a very severe cold. I was recommended to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and before a small bottle was finished he was as well as ever," writes Mrs. H. Sills, 29 Dowling Street, Sydney, Australia. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

Dr. Bell's Antiseptic Salve

Good for all Skin Diseases.

STATEMENT

AMERICAN CENTRAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, St. Louis, Mo.

Condition Dec. 31, 1911, as shown by statement filed.

Amount of Capital paid up in cash—\$2,000,000.00. Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year—5,687,690.03. Income from Policyholders—2,690,617.79. Miscellaneous Income—1,553,977.01. Disbursements to Policyholders—1,800,222.87. Miscellaneous Disbursements—1,300,533.04. Fire Risks written or renewed during year—\$167,564,227. Fire Risks in force—507,088,214.00.

ASSETS.

Mortgage Loans on Real Estate—\$2,900,000. Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, United States and other Government Securities—421,000.00. Value of Bonds and Stocks—4,535,636.07. Cash in Company's Office—10,782.93. Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest—108,539.59. Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest—40,000.00. Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to Oct. 1, 1911—522,839.11. Agents' balances, representing business written prior to Oct. 1, 1911—8,933.23. Bills receivable taken for fire risks—1,232.91. Interest and Rents due and accrued—\$4,539.84. Total—\$5,707,457.19. Less Assets not admitted—157,253.90. Total admitted Assets—\$5,550,103.29.

LIABILITIES.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims—\$212,555.24. Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc. due or accrued—3,536.29. State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued—30,000.00. Commissions, brokerage and other charges due or to become due to agents and brokers—73,781.14. All other Liabilities as detailed in statement—838.48. Total—\$260,601.15. Total admitted Assets—\$5,550,103.29. Capital Actually Paid up in Cash—\$2,000,000.00. Surplus as regards Policyholders—\$350,303.85. Total Liabilities—\$5,550,103.29.

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1911.

Fire Risks written—\$1,980,448.00. Premiums received—30,632.30. Losses incurred—Fire—5,092.18. Fire Losses paid—10,843.95.

Pres., E. F. Campbell, Sec., R. G. Chapman, Treas., S. M. Dodd. Home office, 516 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Agents for North Carolina, Durham, N. C. Business Manager for North Carolina, Dillingham & Godfrey, Atlanta, Ga.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Insurance Department, Raleigh, Feb. 28, 1912.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the American Central Fire Insurance Company, St. Louis, Mo., filed with this department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1911. Witness my hand and official seal this date above written. JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, Toronto, Canada.

Condition Dec. 31, 1911, as shown by statement filed.

Amount of Capital paid up in cash—\$2,070,000.00. Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year—2,302,986.72. Income from Policyholders—1,425,986.25. Miscellaneous Income—85,101.21. Disbursements to Policyholders—812,222.87. Miscellaneous Disbursements—691,528.07. Fire Risks written or renewed during year—\$181,097.00. Fire Risks in force—264,105,392.00.

ASSETS.

Value of Bonds and Stocks—\$1,918,578.24. Cash in Company's Office—364.15. Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest—20,532.60. Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest—244,114.84. Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to Oct. 1, 1911—209,660.72. Agents' balances, representing business written prior to Oct. 1, 1911—6,911.89. Bills receivable taken for marine and inland risks—1,022.55. Interest and Rents due and accrued—\$1,577.14. All other Assets, as detailed in statement—7,845.88. Total—\$2,423,949.91. Less Assets not admitted—25,103.61. Total admitted Assets—\$2,408,810.30.

LIABILITIES.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims—\$201,978.34. Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc. due or accrued—1,145,996.34. State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued—1,200.00. Commissions, brokerage and other charges due or to become due to agents and brokers—6,495.00. Total—\$2,355,670.68. Total admitted Assets—\$2,408,810.30. Capital Actually Paid up in Cash—\$2,070,000.00. Surplus as regards Policyholders—\$338,309.85. Total Liabilities—\$2,408,810.30.

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1911.

Fire Risks written—\$4,823,161.00. Premiums received—24,300.00. Losses incurred—Fire—24,236.10. Fire Losses paid—21,033.00.

Pres., W. R. Mickle, U. S. Manager, Home Office Toronto, Canada. Agents for North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C. Business Manager for N. C., W. Smith, Raleigh, N. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Insurance Department, Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 26, 1912.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Western Assurance Company, Toronto, Canada, filed with this department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1911. Witness my hand and official seal this date above written. JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner.

STATESVILLE, N. C., Office of Collector of Internal Revenue, March 22, 1912.—The interests of Nathaniel Keaton, Eliza Jane Farree and Epsy Ann Leo in the following described tracts of land seized and levied upon under a warrant of distraint for the non-payment of assessed taxes due, will be sold as provided by Section 3197, Revised Statutes, at public auction on Saturday, on May 4th, 1912, in front of the Court House door at Morganton, N. C., to-wit:

1ST TRACT: A certain piece or parcel of land lying on the outskirts of Morganton, in Burke county, State of North Carolina, lot No. 13, and fronting on Walton street; Beginning on a stake at intersection Canton and Walton streets, on the north side of Walton street, west side of Camp street, running north with Camp street 150 feet to a stake at "enter section" of Camp and Pearl streets; thence north 88 west Pearl street 30 feet to a stake on said street, north-east corner of lot No. 13; thence south with said line 150 feet to a stake, south-east corner with said lot and on edge of Walton street, thence south 89 east 30 feet with said street to the beginning, being lot No. 12 shown by blue print surveyed by R. Williams Oct. 2, 1908; deed to Nathaniel Keaton dated Oct. 10, 1908, Manly McDowell and wife, Lillie F."

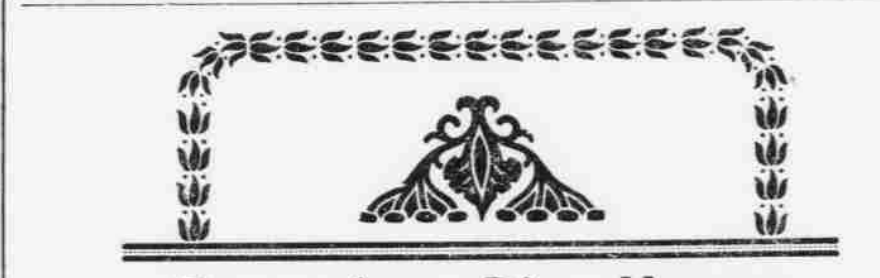
2ND TRACT: A certain piece or parcel of land lying on the outskirts of Morganton, in Burke county, State of North Carolina, the same being acquired by an action in the Superior Court for said county, wherein appear Eliza Jane Farree and Epsy Ann Leo as petitioners, and Cordelia Keaton and husband, N. T. Keaton, as defendants as reported on March 1, 1911, by Commissioner, to-wit: "Lot No. 1, we partitioned, assign and allot to the petitioners, Eliza Jane Farree and Epsy Ann Leo Lot No. 1 as shown on the attached plat, described and bounded as follows: Beginning on a stake on the east side of the street or road leading to Gray's corner, a corner of the Nancy Smith land and a corner of Godfrey's lot, and runs thence north 43 degrees west with said road 150 feet to a stake on the east side of said street or road, a corner of lot No. 2 allotted to Mrs. Cordelia Keaton; thence north 47 degrees east with said street 220 feet to a stake, or 21 poles and 10 links, to the beginning, containing 11 acres, more or less, as tenants in common. GEO. H. BROWN, Collector Internal Revenue.

For The Nervous Woman,

Or the woman who experiences hot flashes nothing is so good to soothe, quiet and calm the nervous system as a pure glyceric extract of native medicinal plants, and made without alcohol, which has been sold by druggists for the past forty years, and most favorably known as Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. In younger years some women suffer from dizziness, or fainting spells, hysteria, headache, bearing-down feelings and pain. All these symptoms of irregularity and female disturbance are relieved by the use of this famous "Prescription" of Doctor Pierce.

As a powerful, invigorating tonic "Favorite Prescription" imparts strength to the whole system, and in particular to the organs distinctly feminine. For over-worked, "worn-out," "run-down," debilitated teachers, milliners, dressmakers, seamstresses, "shop-girls," house-keepers, nursing mothers, and feeble women generally, it is an excellent appetizing, cordial and restorative tonic. "My disease was called neurotic," writes Mrs. Lydia McDONALD, of Mesotta, Mich., Route 1. "I had nervous colic and numb spells and they would leave me very weak. Then I had inflammation and the doctor said I had a flabby kidney. I doctored seven months with our family physician. He said I would have to have an operation. Then I stopped taking his medicine. After taking three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription I have not had any nervous chills or weak spells. I am better than for years. My daughter is now taking the 'Prescription' and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, also the 'Pellets' for nervousness and weak, tired feeling. These remedies have helped her ever so much in a short time. We have great faith in your medicines for female troubles."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets induce mild natural bowel movement.



Tongueless Disc Harrows, Peg Harrows, Walking and Riding Corn Planters, Walking and Riding Cultivators.

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We invite your inspection of our new lines of LADIES' OXFORDS AND PUMPS. Tan Calf, Gun Metal, Buckskin, Silks, Patent Leathers, Whites, Blacks, Tans. MEN'S OXFORDS. Gun Metal, Tan Calf and Patents. I. I. DAVIS & SON.

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As an inducement for those who come to Morganton having to pay railroad fare, the following merchants will return fares for total purchases amounting to FIVE DOLLARS and over. ASK THESE MERCHANTS ABOUT IT:

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The 10th Series of the Morganton Building and Loan Association will open April 1, 1912.

E. B. CLAYWELL, Secretary. W. C. ERVIN, President.

BIG CROWDS Have Attended the Big Spring Opening and Easter Sale.

Have you taken advantage of these wonderful offerings? Biggest values ever offered in up-to-date spring merchandise.

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING.

Come along, join the merry crowds, look and see the values offered here. Extra values in all lines for Saturday and next week.

It has paid hundreds and will pay you to

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We beg to announce that we will handle Ice again this season. We shall be glad to furnish you, and promise to give you prompt service. Our prices will be as cheap as you can get it.

BRISTOL'S GROCERY STORE THE PLACE TO BUY THE BEST.

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HOW TO PROTECT YOUR WINTER GARMENT.

Careful packing away of your furs, wraps, bedding, carpets, furniture and draperies with good moth preventives protect them from molestation by those ruinous insects known as moths.

GET YOUR SUPPLY HERE. We have a splendid assortment—fresh, powerful products that supply perfect and absolute protection from moths and other infecting insects.

COME AND GET THEM NOW. Moth Balls, Camphor, Tar Paper and other moth destroyers. Our stock of these goods are new, fresh, complete.

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