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## THE PRIMARY BRINGS SURPRISES.

Other News From the State Capital (By Maxwell Norman.)

Raleigh, June 6th.—Excepting the fact that there will be a second primary between Evans and Hinsdale in this (7th) judicial district for solicitor, and between Allen and Abernethy in the Third Congressional District, the bottom has largely dropped out of political interest hereabouts, since the primary last Saturday.

The office of solicitor in this district is said to pay from \$7,500 to \$9,000 annually and is one of the best political plums on the party tree. But barring the few exceptions where salaries are attractive, the average political office is receiving less attention from first-rate men than heretofore. Most of the latter can earn more money in private business and occupations, and at the same time keep rid of the loathsome calamities and slanders and other species of political mud-slinging thrown at some of the best men aspiring to public office by the paid gang of "rooters."

The result (which is getting more so every year) shows that the public is offered a lower grade of office seekers, often confined to men who are sent to the legislature or to the county boards, for instance, to be used for well defined and shrewdly planned jobs of "ax-grinding."

Granting certain virtues claimed for the "primary system of nomination," we all know that in some counties only figureheads set up by local political bosses are offered to the voters, except where a rag-tag and bob-tail is fool enough to think he can "run" by simply paying the fee.

This criticism does not embrace the state primary situation, but is directed at county conditions. It is no wonder that over one-third of the counties of the state persist in refusing to adopt the county primary, although forced to accept the state primary.

Wake county's only woman candidate in the primary Saturday put it all over four men competitors, polling more votes than the incumbent and twice as many as the other three candidates. County Treasurer L. D. Stephenson and Miss Lottie Lewis will run over again in the second primary.

### Looks Like Abernethy.

As indicated last week, the contest in the Third Congressional District narrowed down to Abernethy and Allen. Visitors here from the counties of the district now express the opinion that Abernethy has the best prospects in the second run-off. But he has got to do some "running," and all have the comfort of knowing that whichever of these two wins the district will have an able and faithful congressman.

Wiley Person got 600 votes in Wake county to nearly 4,000 for Congressman Ed Pou. And that was a larger number than some expected to see the Franklin county Holocaust receive.

### Railroads Still Playing for Time.

On the first Monday in November the appeals of railroads in North Carolina against the tax levy made on them by the State of North Carolina will be heard by the United States Supreme Court, the motion for a stay of the tax collection being denied, with leave to the railroads to apply to the District Court for a stay. The order of the Supreme Court was in five cases, the appellants being the Southern Railway, the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway, the Seaboard Air Line Railway, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and the Norfolk Southern Railroad against Watts, state commissioner of revenue, etc.

### State Bar Association Meeting

The program of the North Carolina Bar Association, made public by Henry M. London, secretary, includes among the features of the annual session of the lawyers of the state to be held at the

Oceanic Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, June 27-29, addresses by A. Mitchell Palmer, former United States attorney-general; Major Jessie I. Miller, of the Washington, D. C., bar; Governor Cameron Morrison, and Eugene Taylor, of the Asheville bar.

The meetings of the association, beginning at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, June 27, will be held in the assembly room of the hotel.

Reports of executive committee and the committee on admission to membership will be presented at the opening session. Reports of other standing committees will be presented Wednesday morning. Special committees will report Wednesday morning, and the election of officers will be held and other business attended to at Thursday morning session.

### Palmer To Attend

Former United States Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer will be the principle speaker before the North Carolina Bar Association in its meeting at Wrightsville Beach on June 28th.

Mr. Palmer at first thought it improbable that he would be able to attend the convention since he had planned to go to Europe. He notified Henry M. London, secretary of the association, that a delay in his plans made it possible for him to accept the invitation. The program for the convention is now being shaped up and will soon be announced.

### State Legion Convention

The legionnaires of North Carolina are beginning to look forward to the state convention at Greensboro that will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 8th and 9th. State Commander Tom Bird and State Adjutant Cale Burgess met with representative legionnaires in Greensboro during the evening of the 28th for the purpose of determining the general plans and policies for the Greensboro convention. Arrangements were made for inviting a number of speakers of national reputation and having present also many other distinguished guests. Plans were outlined for staging in Greensboro, during the convention days, an unofficial reunion of all North Carolina service men. The convention committee will appoint representatives from every unit for the purpose of perfecting a state-wide organization by which the reunion idea can be put across on a grand scale.

And it is hoped that the official representatives of all organized units will communicate with McDaniel Lewis at Greensboro in order to arrange for the appointment of committees to represent all of these units that are maintaining an organization at this time; and it is further hoped that, in case of all regiments, battalions, companies, batteries and other units that are not definitely organized, some interested individual will assume the responsibility of writing McDaniel Lewis at Greensboro for the purpose of assisting in perfecting a reunion organization for all such units. Thousands of veterans and their families will meet in Greensboro during the state convention, and it is hoped that all units will make arrangements in sufficient time to provide for their entertainment while in Greensboro.

At the same time, September 8th and 9th, at Greensboro, the second state convention of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held, and this meeting will take additional numbers to Greensboro.

### State Guard Encampment

Four day schools for selected officers and men of the North Carolina National Guard and fifteen-day camps will be for all organizations during the months of July and August, announces Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts. The 120th Infantry will go to Camp Glenn in July; the 117th Field Artillery to Camp Bragg in August; the Cavalry, Signal Corps and Engineers to Camp McClellan, Ala., July and August; Coast Artillery Corps to Fortress Monroe in July.

There is at present an aggregate strength of about 2,200 who will attend these camps, and the strength of the various organizations is most satisfactory. However, the various units have vacancies for a limited number of eligible men between the ages of 18 and 45 and application may be

made for enlistment to the recruiting officers located at the stations following:

Raleigh, Reidsville, Gastonia, Greensboro, Oxford, Graham, Burlington, Warrenton, Durham, Henderson, Concord, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Waynesville, Plymouth, Mount Gilead, Parkton, Wilson, Hickory, Asheville, Andrews, Lincoln, Lenoir, Lenoir, Goldsboro, Youngsville, Canton, Hendersonville, North Wilkesboro, Wilmington, Raeford.

The camps are for fifteen days, exclusive of travel, and there is no expense to individuals of the National Guard, as all expenses are taken care of by the federal government. Transportation to and from camp, subsistence, uniforms, quarters and full pay while in camp is allowed by the federal authorities—pay ranges from \$1 to \$5.49 per day for the various enlisted grades.

### IN THE SANDHILLS.

#### The Land of Peaches and Opportunity.

Written by Bion C. Butler.

The great asset of the Sandhills is the climate. This permits a wide variety of farming, and particularly the production of peaches, of which in quality the Sandhill country excels probably any other area on earth, while in quantity the output is already large and growing so fast that 1922 will see 1,500 carloads sent to market. The peach orchard is an opportunity in the Sandhills. So is the tobacco farm, for the Sandhills bright leaf brings a premium. Cotton, grain and general farming respond to the stimulation of the climate and the light soil, while produce and poultry bring the farmer much money from the winter resort towns of the region.

But it is the winter visitor and winter home-maker of the Sandhills that gives the greatest activity to this section of the state. Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Knollwood, Lakeview and other resort towns are the product of the climate, and it is likely that in a few years the area embraced in the boundaries of these villages will widen into one big community of perhaps more people than in any other single community of the state. Pinehurst is already the foremost golf center of the United States, and thousands of people are attracted to the Sandhills in the winter from all the states, and even from abroad. This is developing a busy activity in all the lines that go to make up a populous center.

The opportunities found in such a place are the opportunities found in every center of many people. Skilled workers, professional and business men, clerks and superintendents, farmers, orchard and livestock men, almost every occupation, is called for here in the Sandhills. Opportunities for the individual who will build for himself a business are on all sides, depending largely on the man himself, for where there are thousands of people as in the Sandhills, and a large proportion of them people of means, money awaits production of service in practically every line. It is a reasonable guess that a few years will see in the Sandhills a permanent population of probably 50,000. The building of such a community, the expansion of farms and orchards, and the sundry functions that go with all these tell plainly enough of opportunity.

Opportunity in the Sandhills is limited exactly by the ability of the man looking for the opportunity.

In the hope of building up a sturdy race the government is aiding the back-to-the-soil movement for native Hawaiians. A demonstration farm is in operation at Holokai Island.

"It is one medicine that does all that's claimed for it." Thousands have said it about Taulac and so will you if you try it. Sold by Farrell Drug Co., Graham, N. C.

A lake, rich in carbonate of soda, was recently discovered in the neighborhood of Kulumda, Siberia.

## TOBACCO GROWERS STAGE ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IN EASTERN CAROLINA.

Thousands Sign Up for Cooperative Marketing—A Record-Breaking Attendance on Meetings.

Correspondence.

Kinston, Rocky Mount, Farmville and Vanceboro, among the last to bar their doors against cooperative marketing, signed up warehouses with the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association in last week's campaign, which was the most remarkable series of meetings ever attended by tobacco farmers in Eastern North Carolina.

The enthusiasm of 25,000 farmers who attended over 30 crowded meetings in a dozen eastern counties of the State, turned the campaign into a crusade. The crusade is rapidly developing into a landslide on which thousands of new growers and a number of warehouses have already come into the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association.

"You will be able to raise more on your advance payment and the assignment of your tobacco than you have ever dreamed you could get out of tobacco," Aaron Sapirio told the thousands of farmers in eastern Carolina who lauded him as the prophet of cooperative marketing in the five mammoth mass-meetings which broke all records for attendance and filled theatres, warehouses and court houses to overflowing in Washington, New Bern, Farmville, Kinston and Goldsboro last week.

The California leader of Co-operative Marketing Associations who represents 500,000 organized farmers and 60 associations with annual business of four hundred million dollars, made the prophecy that tobacco farmers of North Carolina would be able to raise more from their advance payment and the loan value of their participation receipt than they got on their entire last year.

"Neither the outsider nor the insider would have gotten any decent prices for Burley tobacco in Kentucky if the Association had not been organized this last year," said Sapirio. "I want to tell you that the growers in Kentucky the year preceding got an average of 8 to 11 cents a pound for Burley tobacco. The growers in the Association (in Kentucky) this year will average 25 cents a pound net," declared the little Californian who called those speculators cowards, who circulated signed and unsigned pamphlets against cooperative marketing but feared to meet him face to face with arguments against this movement of the farmers.

Speculators and warehousemen who were hostile to cooperative marketing, sat silent in meeting after meeting while Sapirio told the growers that no system could be worse than the auction sale of tobacco under which tobacco farmers have averaged only \$340 a year as compared to the income of \$1500 a year which our government states as necessary to maintain a decent standard of living for the average American family.

More than ten thousand farmers heard Sapirio during his five days tour of Eastern North Carolina. At least 15,000 other tobacco growers were present at meetings held in 25 other towns of the eastern belt last week where five Kentucky leaders of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association convinced the farmers beyond a doubt of the success of the Kentucky Burley Pool.

"The minute the first payment of eight cents a pound was made to our Kentucky Growers upon delivery of their tobacco the bankers came and begged to hold the participation receipts and paid eight cents more on them," said C. E. Marvin prominent stock raiser and tobacco grower of Lexington. Mr. Marvin told the North Carolina Growers that the Kentucky members of the marketing association really got an average of 16 cents a pound immediately after their first deliveries, because the banks were eager to advance them money on the security of their warehouse receipts which the Kentuckians call participation certificates.

W. H. Shanks, President of the Lincoln County National Bank,

told North Carolina farmers in five counties that the participation receipts are considered the best security in Kentucky.

"Why one galussed fellows, to whom we wouldn't lend a nickel before, can come into our bank now and borrow hundreds of dollars on their participation receipts," said Mr. Shanks.

Virgil Chapman, attorney for the Burley Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, Jno. O. Craddock, a prominent warehouseman, and John Blanks of Kentucky roused other thousands of Eastern Carolina growers to the need of increasing the present sign-up in the Old North State from 60 to 90 per cent of all tobacco farmers and tobacco.

An intensive campaign is now being conducted in which growers, merchants and warehousemen are urged to aid in gaining new members for the Association.

### The Liberty Bonds You Had—But Didn't Keep.

Greensboro Record.

All Liberty bonds sold at par or better on May 31, for the first time since the dates of issue. The bond market was marked by heavy trading that day, people being anxious to get them. That does not do hundreds of thousands of people who once owned Liberty bonds any good, however. It is asserted by authorities on the matter that hundreds of thousands of people have gotten rid of their bonds.

They sold them when they were low, too, losing money on them. They were told that the bonds, the government behind them, would go to par or better, but they wanted their money. All over the United States people sold their bonds at a loss. The lower they got the more anxious they were to part with them, it seemed. They took the money and frittered it away. They bought things for which they had no use with the money. The bonds burned holes in the papers where they kept them. They could not stand the idea of having that much money lying around.

Others, much more foolish, traded their bonds in for stock of various kinds, some of it oil stock, others no better. They did not get even the pleasure of spending the money. They got some pretty pieces of paper for their bonds, fit only to look at. They were utterly foolish.

It takes considerable nerve to save money, more to save Liberty bonds. The great bond drives taught some people for the first time what a bond was, but the knowledge did not stay with them. They did not have the strength to hold on. They were too weak to keep from spending. Of the millions who bought those bonds, comparatively few were of the fiber that can look on a piece of paper, good as gold, and keep from turning it into greenback.

The American people learned considerable of thrift during the war, but it did not all stick with them. The lesson did not go deep enough. On account of what wise people have made a lot of money on Liberty bonds.

Yet so many, many people bewail their hard luck and envy "lucky" people. The former do not own any of the Liberty bonds that they had.

Three hundred thousand francs was paid for a one-cent British Ginn stamp, issue of 1856, black on carmine, sold recently at an auction sale of the famous Baron Ferrari collection in Paris. The state tax of seventeen and one-half per cent added to the cost price made it the highest price ever paid for a stamp in France.

Taulac is a splendid tonic for puny, frail, delicate children. It is purely vegetable and contains no minerals or opiates. Sold by Farrell Drug Co., Graham, N. C.

Italy will have a total of 1,811,300 hydro-electric horse power capacity when new central stations under construction are completed. This is double the amount five years ago.

New York, we read, has the largest floating population in the world. They're trying to get in the swim.

## ELON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Reported for The Gleaner. (Concluded from last week) Conferring of Degrees.

At the conclusion of Dr. Cope's address degrees were conferred and diplomas and certificates were awarded to eighty-seven seniors and students of the special departments. The members of the senior class received degrees, among whom were the following of Alamance county: Lora Foust, Graham, A. B.; Bessie Holmes, Graham, A. B.; W. M. Harrison, Burlington, A. B.; Deloris Morrow, Burlington, A. B.; N. G. Newman, Jr., Elon College, A. B.; Boss Nicholson, Mebane, L. I.; Eunice Rich, Graham, A. B.; C. L. Walker, Burlington, A. B.; Nannie B. Reitzel, Elon College, Ph. B.; J. B. Newman, Elon College, M. A.

The pupils from Alamance to receive certificates and diplomas from the special departments were: Certificate in Expression; Eunice Rich; Certificate in Commercial Department; B. Irla Isley; J. B. Newman; Certificate in Physical Culture; Margaret Homewood; Certificate in Chemistry; W. M. Garrison, C. L. Walker; Diploma in Physical Culture; Lora Foust; Deloris Morrow; Bess Nicholson; Sula Patterson, Eunice Rich.

Lt. Governor of Virginia, J. E. West, a trustee of the college, presented each member of the senior class with a handsome Bible the gift of the college to its graduates.

### Winners of Medals and Scholarships

The winners of medals and scholarships were then announced by President Harper as follows: Stanford Orator's Medal, H. G. Self, Siler city, N. C. Moffitt Essayist Medal, Eunice Rich, Graham, N. C. Wellon's Scholarship Medal, Mary Miller, Luray, Va. Morrow Thesis Medal, C. P. Farmer, News Ferry, Va. Philologist Orator's Medal, W. G. Stoner, Greensboro, N. C. Clio Orator's Medal, R. S. Helms, Monroe, N. C. Summerbell Scholarship, Berta Crutchfield, Efland, N. C.

It was announced that the Board of Trustees of the college had taken the following action this session: to build a third story to the Ladies' Hall, to reduce board from \$225 to \$180 for next session.

The Valedictory address by Miss Mary Miller, Luray, Va., concluded the graduation exercises, and Rev. L. E. Smith of Norfolk, Va., pronounced the benediction.

The afternoon of the last day of commencement was given over to the society and class reunions. Quite a number of the former students alumni returned for this commencement, and the reunions were enjoyed as a home-coming affair.

### Oratorio.

The closing, and most pleasing event of the commencement season was the Oratorio, the annual celebration of the Choral Society, which at 8:30 in the evening, rendered the cantata "Indian Summer." Prof. E. M. Betts, Director of the Department of Music of the college, was in charge of the cantata. Miss Florence Fisher, soprano, Miss Marian Corey, alto, Mrs. Katherine Sturm, pianist, and Miss Alice Hurdley, organist, assisted Prof. Betts in the conduct of the cantata choro.

For this event the college chapel was fitted to its capacity and overflowing, and the hearty applause received by the singers was evidence that it was thoroughly enjoyed and up to the standard of excellence which the Choral Society has set in former years.

Lightning struck and demolished the belfry of the cathedral in the ancient city of Nepi, Italy, while 2,000 parishoners were listening to a sermon recently. No one was injured. The cathedral was built in the fifth century on the site of the ancient temple of Jupiter.

Such words as "wine" and "beer" and the names of other intoxicating drinks are recorded as "obsoletes" in the revised edition of the Encyclopaedia Americana.

## ALAMANANCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WINS IN STATE CONTEST.

Writes the Best Essay Out of 100—Essay Published in Gleaner of May 25.

Cor. of The Gleaner.

Chapel Hill, June 4th.—Miss Hallie Tillman, a student in the Stony Creek high school of Alamance County, has received the award for the winning essay submitted by a North Carolina high school student in the national essay contest.

The national essay contest is conducted nationally by the highway and highway transport education committee, of Washington, D. C., while for North Carolina it is conducted by the University Extension Division of the University of North Carolina.

Miss Tillman's essay on the subject "How Good Roads Are Developing My Community" was voted the best of the one hundred essays on this subject, which were submitted by high school students in all sections of the state. Second place went to Conn Bryan, of the Asheville high school, and third place to Miss Margaret Beaufort Miller, of the Winston-Salem high school. The committee on award was composed of C. A. Hibbard, E. R. Rankin, and R. W. Adams.

In accordance with the rules of the North Carolina division of the national contest, the Stony Creek high school will receive the award for one year of the loving cup offered by the University Extension Division.

In accordance with the national rules, Miss Tillman's essay will be forwarded to the central committee at Washington, there to enter the national competition. If her essay is voted the best of those sent up from the various States, then Miss Tillman will receive the Harvey S. Firestone Scholarship, which is valued at approximately \$4,000 and which entitles the holder to tuition and expenses at any college or university for four years.

NOTE—You may have thought little about this essay when you read it in The Gleaner in the issue of May 25th. It goes to Washington to contest for a scholarship worth \$4,000.—EDITOR.

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