

## HON. E. W. POU SPEAKS.

**AS EVER, HE IS FIGHTING FOR THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE.**

**LET PATRONS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF MAKING THEIR BOXES**

**The Post Office Department May Adopt a Regulation Box and Require Each Patron Along the Rural Free Delivery Routes to Make or Have Them Made Accordingly, Thereby Crippling the Trust Which is Controlling the Prices of These Boxes.**

Mr. Chairman, I wish to say a few words, supplementing the remarks of my friend from Tennessee, respecting the ruling of the Post-Office Department, that patrons of the rural free-delivery service shall not make their own boxes, but must buy boxes put on the market by the trusts. I am not making remarks for home consumption, either; I want to appeal to the Members of this House to pass a bill allowing the patrons of this service to make their own boxes or have them made. Gentlemen, why should these people not be allowed to make their own boxes? The Post-Office Department could say what kind of a box should be made, and the patrons of the service could easily have boxes made conforming to such requirement; and they could have boxes made just as good as those sold by the trusts, just as good as those the Postmaster General requires them to use, at about one third of the price they are compelled to pay now.

A few weeks ago I went into a hardware store where a large number of these boxes were on sale, and I was told by the proprietor of that establishment that boxes which he was compelled to sell for \$1.50 could be manufactured for 80 cents. He said he was forced to sell at a profit and could not afford to charge less than \$1.50 for one class of boxes and \$1.25 for another, but that either kind of box shown could be made for about 30 cents. I am told that a worthless sort of box is offered for 50 cents, but the point I am trying to make is this: It is wrong to allow the Post-Office Department to say to the patrons of this service, "You must use boxes prescribed by this Department or you shall not have your mail delivered to you. You shall not make your own boxes. You shall not employ some one else to make them, but you must buy from manufacturers who enjoy the favor of this Department or you shall be denied the benefit of a service which you yourselves largely pay for." This, Mr. Chairman, is in effect what we allow the Post-Office Department to say, and I declare to you it is wrong.

Why shouldn't the people be allowed to provide their own boxes in accordance with reasonable requirements? Will any gentleman rise here and now and give one single reason why they should not be accorded this privilege?

Let the truth come out. Is it not because the Department wishes to help certain manufacturers? It can not be used, of the necessity for uniformity in the kind of boxes used, for there is no uniformity nor is there any necessity for such uniformity. I believe I have myself seen half a dozen different shapes of boxes. All that is necessary is a box which will keep the mail dry. I see no reason why wooden boxes may not be used, but I will not press that suggestion. Let the boxes be made of sheet iron or any other metal; let the Department make any reasonable and sensible requirement, and then if the trusts can put their boxes on the market cheaper than the people can have them made, then the people will probably buy from the trusts; but in the name of common decency don't let a ruling stand which requires, compels, forces millions of American people to patronize the trusts. God knows we are largely at the mercy of the trusts anyway, but let us frame a law which will stimulate the manu-

facture of these boxes at prices less than those charged by the trusts. I wonder if the companies which make these boxes contributed anything to the great fund our present Postmaster General made in the last campaign as chairman of the Republican National Committee? They certainly should have contributed to that fund, for they are allowed to charge a profit of 100, 200, and even 300 per cent for goods manufactured by them and which the people are forced to use.

In conclusion, I say, Mr. Chairman, if the people of this country who use the rural free-delivery service are not allowed to have their own boxes made, then the Government should at least see to it that they get their trust-made boxes at actual cost. I have introduced a bill, now pending before the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, which requires the Postmaster-General to buy these boxes from the lowest bidder and then furnish them to the people through the post-offices of the country at actual cost. I do not know why some action is not taken to prevent the trusts from extorting money from our constituents. I suppose my bill will sleep the eternal sleep of nearly all unimportant introduced bills. I have been a Member of this body, but let me tell you, the people are restless under this great injustice, and the day is not far distant when you will hear from them. This unjust requirement of the Department is one reason why this service is not patronized by many of the people. They can not understand why they are not allowed to manufacture their own boxes. They know they are forced to pay more than the boxes are worth, and rather than submit to a flagrant wrong many of them refuse to buy boxes.

Gentlemen, this is an important matter. Thousands, it is true, have already paid tribute to the trusts by purchasing boxes, but there are thousands who have not, and in the name of ordinary decency, I say let us emancipate our constituents in this matter, at least, as far as possible from the domination of monopoly. [Applause.]

### Sunday School Pic-Nic.

According to the announcement given out last Sunday the Methodist Sunday School had a picnic out at Ingleside yesterday, and quite a large number went out in wagons, buggies, etc. The other Sunday Schools were invited to accompany the Methodists and quite a number from each joined in. The good people of Ingleside gave them a "warm" reception.

### St. John's Day.

Quite a number of people from Louisburg and surrounding country went to Oxford last Saturday to witness the St. John's Day celebration. The editor of the Times had the pleasure of meeting a number of his friends in Granville county, and was most elegantly "looked after" while there by Bro. Britt, of the Ledger. He is still very acceptably filling the Superior Court Clerk's office of his county, and we were glad to learn that the party would renominate him again. The address of welcome by Col. B. S. Royster, the address of Solomon Gallert, and the presentation speech (of a bouquet of flowers from the ladies to the speaker) by

Mr. Cozart, were all very good, and were listened to by hundreds. The crowd was very large and orderly. The good people of Oxford opened their doors to the visitors and gave them a most pleasant time. Lieutenant Governor, F. D. Winston, presided during the exercises, and that he did the honors well, goes without saying.

### Beautiful Wedding.

Miss Lelia Johnson and Mr. Charles R. Church, of Norfolk, were happily wedded on last Wednesday morning at the Methodist church, Rev. L. S. Massey performing the ceremony. The decorations were in the best of taste, the church being handsomely adorned for the happy occasion. Promptly at ten o'clock the bridal party entered to the sweet strains of the chorus from Lohengrin as sung by Mesdames Hall and Pearce and Misses Viola Perry and Ava Aycooke. Before the ceremony the organist played a number of instrumental pieces and Miss Perry sang a solo of great beauty. The maid of honor was Miss Kate Rawlings High, and the groomsmen, Mr. Frank Kellinger, of Norfolk. The other attendants were Mr. K. K. Allen with Miss Glennie Aycooke, Mr. D. E. Spivey, of Youngville, with Miss Kate Johnson, of Warren, Dr. Oppenheimer, of Richmond, with Miss Sallie Upperman. Master Hurly Cooke was ringbearer and little Miss Lennie Cooke the flower girl. The ushers were Messrs. A. W. Person, B. N. Williamson, A. A. Clifton, Dr. J. J. Mann and Joe Uszell. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Norman H. Johnson. She has a large circle of friends by whom she is greatly admired, both for beauty of person and grace of manner. Mr. Church is a young business man of Norfolk, who has won many friends on former visits here and well merits the congratulations which were so freely given him.

### Tunstall-Goswick.

At the residence of Mrs. Sarapha Mitchell, on Wednesday night, Mr. N. A. Tunstall and Miss Katie E. Goswick were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. H. H. Mashburn officiating. Mr. Tunstall, holds a position in the Louisburg Wagon Factory. He came to Louisburg some time ago from Virginia, and has made many friends here. His bride is a daughter of Mr. Jason Goswick, of this county. The Times joins their friends in wishing the happy couple a long and happy life.

### To Brandy Distillers.

All those who wish to bond their stills to make brandy this season in Franklin county will please notify me at Littleton, so that I can appoint a day for them to meet me in Louisburg.

### Public Installation.

There will be a public installation of the newly elected officers of the Louisburg Lodge of Masons on Tuesday night, July 10th. The exercises will be held in the Opera House, and an address will be delivered by Rev. Geo. M. Duke. All sister lodges and the public generally are cordially invited to attend.

### Mr. Weldon Egerton Entertains.

Wednesday evening was a scene of pleasure at the beautiful home of Mr. F. N. Egerton. It was the occasion of Weldon's birthday and a most enjoyable time had been planned for his young friends who should avail themselves of the invitation to be present, and was more than successfully carried out. The guests arrived at 8:30 and played games until a late hour when dainty refreshments were served by little Misses Margaret Hick and Kathleen Egerton. Those present were Misses Maude Hicks, Annie Belle Harris, Mattie Hester, Annie Allen, Leta Massenburg, Margie Macon, Metta Gully, Bettie Boddie, Fannie Boddie, Mary Belle Macon, Mary Stuart Egerton, Martha Byrd Spruill and Biah Person, Messrs. B. G. Rodwell, Tom Boddie, Joe Hill, Rickie Furman, Wilson Green, Badger Hart, Clayton High, Henry Bowden, Osmond Yarborough, William Barrow.

## A HEAVY HAIL STORM.

**THE MOST SEVERE WITNESSED HERE IN MANY YEARS.**

**Much Damage Done Tobacco, Cotton, Corn and Other Crops—Hail Stones Were as Large as Partridge Eggs.**

This immediate section was visited yesterday evening by a heavy rain and destructive hail storm. Gardens in town were damaged right much by the hail stones, some of which were about as large as partridge eggs. The clouds seemed to have formed around and over the town, and the most of the damage that we have heard of to the crops is near by. A portion of the tobacco crops of Geo. Davis, Milton Washington, J. R. Colie and George Ragsdale are reported as badly damaged, and we heard last night that all crops near town were more or less damaged.

It hailed very hard for about fifteen minutes, and the rain was very heavy. It was the most destructive hail storm that has visited us in several years. A few glass were broken out of windows, and several trees in the corporation were struck by lightning.

### Conductor's Excursion.

The Railroad Conductors of the Seaboard Air-Line will have their annual excursion to Norfolk on July 11th-15th. Fare for round trip, \$2.00. Leave Louisburg 8:40, a. m. All who wish to do so, will have an opportunity of visiting Baltimore and Washington, and all of the seaside resorts around Norfolk. A pleasant time is always had on these Excursions. Good order is preserved. Reserved seats, and separate cars for both faces.

### U. D. C.

The monthly meeting of the members of the Joe J. Davis Chapter will be held at the Masonic Hall, July 4th, at 6 o'clock p. m. It is urged that all members be present to make final arrangements in regard to the Bazaar. Those who cannot attend, are requested to notify the President by note as to their wishes to have or not to have the Bazaar, and upon what Committee they wish to serve. Mrs. F. S. Spruill, Pres. Mrs. R. H. Davis, Sec'y.

### Cotton Blooms.

Three cotton blooms came in to the Times office last Monday—25th as follows: Mrs. Bettie D. Winston Franklinton; R. L. Collins, Stallings, James Pearce, of Dunn township. Mrs. Bettie Mullen, of Dunn township, sent in two red blooms, pulled on the 26th. Rufin Brodie, colored, one pulled on 27th. Smith King, of Dunn township, one pulled on the 27th. H. D. Medlin, of Dunn township, sends us two blooms pulled on the 26th. G. W. Murphy brought in one pulled on the 28th.

### Irregular Mails.

There is much complaint regarding the mails, not caused however, by our local postmaster. For instance, on several occasions recently the daily papers have not come to hand promptly. It is very often the case too, that letters that ought to have been received according to their postmarks, the day before they get here, are carried to other points and come back. And this week the Sunday Charlotte Observer did not reach Louisburg until Tuesday morning. It ought to have come here Sunday afternoon. It is often the case that the Raleigh News-Observer is not received here the day of publication, and the first edition that generally gets here on the morning train was not received Tuesday morning of this week.

### Notice of County Entrance Examination For the A. & M. College.

Applicants for admission to the A. & M. College at Raleigh will be examined by the County Superintendent of Schools at the Court House on Thursday July 12, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Boys wishing training to fit themselves for the active duties of life would do well to come forward and try examination. Each county is entitled to as many scholarships as it has members of the House of Representatives in the State Legislature.

## Base Ball.

The ball team from Youngville came over Tuesday and gave the Louisburg boys a good "drubbing,"—the score standing 25 to 9. Dr. Schaffer umpired the game, and gave general satisfaction. Messrs. R. C. Underwood and Jack Hicks, came over with the boys, and Jack was to do the "rooting" for his boys, but they pressed him in as scorer, and he was therefore forced to keep quiet. He made no special complaint, inasmuch as the boys of his nine needed no "rooting." They did some good playing. Our boys say that they were out of practice and several of their team were out of town.

### The Big Day at Apex.

As stated in the Times last week there will be a big time in Apex on July 4th—Wednesday of next week. The big sale of lots by the Land and Improvement Company promises to be a great affair, and for the accommodation of all who wish to attend from this section the Shoo-Fly train will be run through to Apex, on that day. Those desiring to go from Louisburg can leave on the 8:40 train in the morning and return in the afternoon. Remember the date—July 4th—and lets go, have a good time, and buy a bargain in a town lot.

## WHERE ARE YOUR BOYS?

**PARENTS, KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS AFTER NIGHT.**

It is Your Duty to Them to do so, and You Owe it to Yourself—The Only Substantial way to Improve Citizenship.

We often wonder why it is so many young men can be seen loafing upon our streets until a late hour of night. Many of them are from our best homes. The fathers of these young men, many of them at least, are numbered among our best citizens. If their cow or their horse or even their favorite dog was away from home after dark they would be out on a search, but their own children apparently no effort being made to find them. The boy seems to be turned loose at a tender age to wander at will into the paths of sin and vice, and then we wonder where all our tramps and worthless specimens of humanity come from. It is a regrettable fact that too many of them come from seed germinated in good homes and then sown in a careless manner upon our streets and back alleys. Reader, is your boy wasting his time upon our streets? If so ought you not, at least, look after him as carefully at nightfall as you would your horse and cow. We do not intimate that this evil exists to a greater extent in this community than in our sister towns, but the evil seems universal and increases in magnitude as the years roll by.

## JUDGE COOKE A FAVORITE IN WARREN.

The last issue of the Warrenton Record contained the following, relative to Judge Cooke, who held court there last week: Judge Charles M. Cooke, who is presiding over Warren Superior Court this week, has always been a favorite in this county. His change to the grand jury last Monday was able, comprehensive, and plain. It was not only an able legal production, but was a strong setting forth of great moral principles. In the main, Judge Cooke's rulings, have met the approval of our people. Even the verdict of murder in the second degree, rendered by the jury under the direction of the Court, of Garfield Hicks for the murder of Gilbert King would not have been seriously criticized if his honor had imposed on Hicks the full penalty of the law. As it is the substance is not met the approbation of the people.

## Special Service Via Seaboard.

The Seaboard announces that on Wednesday July 4th they will operate their shoo-fly trains No's. 29-30 through to Apex and return, account of Barbours and Land Sale, at that point, date in question. Train No. 29 will leave Raleigh 10:30 a. m., returning train No. 30 will leave Apex 4:15 p. m. Round trip rates authorized account of Fourth of July Holidays will apply.

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