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RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

TWENTY-THREE STAND FOR FREE DELIVERY CARRIERS.

Examination Held in the Court House Last Saturday—Conducted by Postmaster Harris and E. F. Yarborough.

A civil service examination for Rural Free Delivery Carriers was held in the Court House in Louisburg on last Saturday, under the rules and regulations as laid down by "Uncle Sam." The class was composed of twenty-three men and boys, and the examination was conducted by Postmaster R. R. Harris, assisted by Mr. E. F. Yarborough.

The names of those who stood the examination are as follows: Charlie Knott, W. G. Green, W. E. Collier, S. R. Johnson, S. B. Nash, T. B. Barrett, W. W. Perry, Jr., R. T. Harris, J. D. Speed, W. H. Cates, H. K. Perry, W. M. Freeman, R. A. Pruitt, E. H. Hight, A. M. House, J. R. Bunn, J. W. Weaver, R. O. Perry, A. B. Allen, C. L. Conyers, M. E. Watkins, B. J. Blackley, J. W. Baker.

Petitions are on file for about six new routes in this county, three going out from Louisburg, one each from Franklinton, Youngsville and Riley.

The rural free delivery is growing in popularity with the people and with an increase of the salary the number of applicants for carriers will also increase.

Postoffice Regulations.

The five days formerly given postmasters in which to collect box rents has been continued by the Postoffice Department, and the following instructions sent to all postmasters with notice that failure to observe the same will be made grounds for summary action. The payment by postmasters of uncollected rents will not suffice, as in the view of the department this is a discrimination between respective box holders. Credit being granted in one instance and refused in another:

"Box rents must be collected at the beginning of each quarter for the entire quarter, but no longer. Ten days before the last day of each quarter postmasters are required to place a bill bearing the date of the last day of the quarter in each rented box. If a box holder fails to renew his right to his box on or before the last day of the quarter the box shall then be closed and offered for rent and the mail will be placed in the general delivery."

A Large Tree.

Talking of large trees, Mr. K. J. Perry, who lives near Franklinton, was in our office last Saturday, and told us of a chestnut tree on the premises of Mr. Cleason Duke, (aged 92 years) that measures 28 1-2 feet in circumference. It was planted about 1838, and for the past 66 years it has borne chestnuts. Next!

Opera House To-night.

"Dorcas" a three-act comic opera of the good old style will be presented by the Ethel Morton Opera Company at the Opera House to-night. It is by Edward Paulton the author of "Eximius" and its scenes are laid in England. Pauline Hall has been seen in the piece for several seasons throughout the country and with great success. Miss Morton has the complete production and many of the same cast used by Miss Hall last season. New numbers, however, have been added, many of them are composed entirely by Miss Morton, such as the Peddler's Song, Beautiful Land of Love, When Cupid holds the Reins, which adds materially in making the old time piece an up-to-date entertainment. The cast includes many prominent vocalists, among whom are Mr. Dymon White,

Mr. John O'Donnell, Mr. Wilbur Cox, Mr. Frank Lawson, Miss Lillian Shattuck, Miss Anna Brandt, Miss Elsie Gibson, Miss Louise Clayton, Miss Helen Snythe all of whom have been seen with performance with many of the large musical productions. "Dorcas" will be greatly enjoyed by all. Get seats at Boddie & Perry's drug store.

Honor Rolls.

The following is the honor roll of Prospect School for week ending Mar. 15th. Miss Onnie Tucker teacher:

1st Grade—Beulah Jeffreys, Wiley Jeffreys, David Wheeler, Mabel Clark.
2nd Grade—Clarence Dickerson, James Marshall.
3rd Grade—Nora Lee May.
4th Grade—Johnny May, Julia Frazier, Kenneth Frazier.
5th Grade—George Marshall.
6th Grade—Annie Marshall, John Underhill.

The following is the honor roll for Hickory Rock Academy, Misses Lily Hayes and Lucy Webb, teachers:

1st Grade—Beulah Glasgow, Jim Wilder, Stanley Neal, Eleanor Uz-zell.
2nd Grade—Fannie Hicks.
3rd Grade—Wallace Neal.
5th Grade—Annie Insoce, Sallie Wilder, Bettie Uz-zell, Clara Sledge, Nonie Wester, Laura Wester.
6th Grade—Lessie Wilder, Joe Bobbitt, Ollie Phelps.
7th Grade—Ninnie Hicks, Norman Hedgepeth, Minnie Neal, Alice Hicks, Jessie Wilder.

Honor Roll for the Clifton School for week ending Mar. 15, '07. W. R. Young, teacher:

1st Grade—Frank Cates, Rena Harsis, Garland Ransdell, Perry Wheeler.
2nd Grade—Annie Young.
3rd Grade—Annie Grace Harris.
4th Grade—Isaac Cooke, Elva Clifton.
7th Grade—Fred, Nellie and Royal Tharrington, Nora Clifton.

The following is the honor roll of the Wheless school for '07. Miss Bessie Woodliet, teacher:

1st Grade—Moses Sykes, Joseph Tant, Johnnie Pearce.
2nd Grade—Lottie Sykes, Mabel Moore, Fituna Tant, Kinchen Tant, Maack Tant.
3rd Grade—Troy Pearce, Dula Tant, Dorothy Tant.
4th Grade—Lee Wheless, Arthur Pearce, Grady Bunn, Joseph Bunn, Elmer Perry, Lula Stallings.
6th Grade—Clair Wheless, William Stallings.

Honor Roll of Centerville Academy for week ending Mar. 15, '07. Miss Lonnie Jarman, teacher:

1st Grade—Annie Neal, Lucy De-ment.
4th Grade—William Andrews, Johnnie Neal, Ruth Parrish, Esther Taylor.
6th Grade—Hattie Neal, Floyd Parrish, Eleanor Upchurch.
7th Grade—Lillian Upchurch.

Courtship in Church.

A young gentleman happening to sit in church in a pew adjoining one in which sat a young lady for whom he conceived a sudden and violent passion, was desirous of entering into a courtship on the spot; but the place not suiting a formal declaration, the exigency of the case suggested the following plan: He politely handed his fair neighbor a Bible (open) with a pin stuck in the following text: Second Epistle of John, verse fifth—"And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another." She returned it, pointing to

the second chapter of Ruth, verse tenth—"Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, "Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing that I am a stranger?" He returned the book, pointing to the thirteenth verse of the Third Epistle of John—"Having many things to write upon to you, I would not write with paper and ink, but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full." From the above interview a marriage took place the ensuing week.

The Crescent Drug Company.

This company, which was recently formed at Franklinton, is doing a fine business under the management of D. E. Barkley, a reliable and experienced pharmacist. The company is incorporated, its stockholders being composed of some of the best and most substantial citizens of our sister town, among them are E. J. Cheatham, who is president, and A. H. Vann and Dr. A. R. Winston. All of these are well and favorably known young men and their connection with the company is a guarantee to the public that the business will be conducted on a high and honorable basis.

They have contracted for a regular space in the Times and their advertisement will appear next week.

How They Stand.

The young ladies who are contesting for the TIMES FREE TRIP to the Jamestown Exposition have been hustling the past week. Up to 12 o'clock yesterday they stood as follows:

1. Miss Onnie Tucker.
2. Miss Ella Harris.
3. Miss Margie Macon.
4. Miss Virginia Foster.
5. Miss Fannie Winston.
6. Miss Urtie Harrison.

Harrison Guilty.

The trial of Joshua Harrison for kidnapping and murdering the little son of Senator Beasley ended Wednesday night at Elizabeth City, the jury rendering a verdict of guilty. It is thought that the little boy still lives.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist church, held on the 18th, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

In the death of brother Geo. Baker which occurred on March, the 7th 1907, the Methodist Episcopal church South, lost one of its most valuable members. For many years he had sustained an official relation to the church of his choice as Steward, Trustee of the church property, Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary of Church Conference. At his death, and for a number of years before, he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards. In all of these positions he was characterized by unusual faithfulness. As the official representatives of the church we desire to express our appreciation of his character and service. Therefore be it resolved,

1st. That while we bow in submission to the Divine will, we deeply feel our loss, yet we feel assured that our loss is his gain.
2nd. That we extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved family and commend them to the same heavenly Father whom our departed brother so faithfully served.
3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the official board and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

Signed, I. P. HICKS,
P. A. KEAVIS,
J. A. THOMAS,
W. H. FLEMINGSON,
J. J. BARROW,
E. ODUM,
R. Z. EGERTON,
W. B. COOKE,
Stewards.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go. Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

J. A. Turner paid Henderson a short business visit on Monday.

Mrs. S. W. Jones returned from a visit to Franklinton on Monday.

Messrs. W. M. Person and C. K. Cooke spent Tuesday night in Raleigh.

Mr. Bennett Perry, a young lawyer of Henderson, was here this week.

Miss Columbia Cradup returned Wednesday from a short visit to her people in Wake.

Capt. W. K. Sturges, of Henderson, and Mrs. W. E. Sturges were here the past week.

Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, was a welcome visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. J. C. Barringer, of Norwood and Mrs. S. R. Palmer, of Rockwell, are visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Mr. E. H. Baker, Chief Clerk in the State Auditor's office, spent last Sunday and Monday in Louisburg.

Mr. J. T. Wilson, of Youngville, spent Monday night in town, and paid our office a very pleasant visit.

R. Z. Egerton returned this week from the northern markets where he went to purchase the Spring stock for his firm.

Mrs. A. M. Hall and Miss Grace returned Friday from New York, where they went to purchase the fall stock for the Racket.

Miss Virginia Yingling, of Westminster, Md., returned Wednesday to again resume her duties as milliner for F. N. & R. Z. Egerton.

A number of Youngville's citizens were here during the past week, among them Messrs. D. W. Spivey, B. A. Timberlake, B. T. Holden, R. C. Underwood, John Winston.

R. J. Lewis, Deputy Collector for this Division, spent Tuesday in Louisburg on business connected with the Internal Revenue service. He was accompanied by his wife who spent the day with Mrs. R. C. Beck, at Lancaster's Hotel.

Dr. A. R. Winston, of Franklinton spent a few hours in the burg on Monday evening last. His business was to report to Dr. R. F. Yarborough, County Superintendent of Health, that the small pox was "all over" at and near Franklinton, as he discharged the last patient on Sunday.

Miss Francis Green, the new milliner at the Racket, arrived this week, and will have charge of the millinery department this season. Mrs. Hall says that in making her purchases this season she gave special attention to the selection of the very latest styles, and her customers shall be suited.

M. F. Houck returned this week from Chase City, where he has been superintending the erection of a large stable building for Col. W. T. Hughes, of the Mecklenburg. He informs us that he has a contract for a large storage house for the Mecklenburg Lumber Co., to be erected on the Jamestown Exposition grounds, for the storage of their water. He will leave about April 1st.

A Great Chestnut.

There is probably no man engaged in the newspaper business in this state, who is not acquainted with a man whose excuse for discontinuing his subscription is that he already "has more papers than he can read." It is only an excuse offered to smother the presumed lacinated condi-

tion of the editor's feelings. It has no such effect, for in the first place an editor never worries over the loss of subscriber except when he leaves the country without paying up arrears. But why not be truthful and say to the honest newspaper man just what you feel in your heart. Go into his den, ask him how much you owe, pay the delinquency and tell him frankly that you don't want his disreputable, blackbeard sheet any longer. Say to him in a sorrowful tone of voice that you deeply regret his inability to publish a newspaper worthy the name and advise him to sell his plant to some man with a thimble full of brains and seek some occupation which does not require much wear or tear of mind. Do this and then you can go away with the comforting assurance that the editor respects you for your candor and will cherish no hard feelings because you choose to borrow his paper instead of buying it.

Bickett at Hickory Rock.

Mr. T. W. Bickett will deliver an address to the pupils and friends of Hickory Rock Academy on Friday evening, March 29th, at 8 o'clock. Supt. White will also be present. Public cordially invited.

Promoted.

Mr. Frank F. Pernel, one of the cleverest of the young set of traveling men, associated with the Inter-State Chemical Company, Baltimore, Md., has been promoted and becomes district manager in the territory of North and South Carolina, with ten men under his direction. Mr. Pernel will soon add two men to his present force.

The above item was taken from a paper published in the western part of the State. Frank is a son of Rev. P. H. Pernel, formerly of Louisburg, and his friends here will be glad to learn of his success.

Tribute of Respect.

At his home near Sandy Creek, on the night of March the 2nd, Haly Conn died of Pneumonia, he was sick only a week. He suffered much but bore it patiently. In early life he united with Sandy Creek Baptist church, and remained a true member until death. He was a kind and devoted husband and leaves a wife and one little son, two sisters and two brothers to mourn their loss. His age was 30 years. He was a good neighbor, a true and kind friend and to know him was to love him. By his pleasant face and cheerful words he carried sunshine with him wherever he went. May God bless and comfort his bereaved ones. May He help us to so live as to meet him in Heaven, where parting is no more.

M. B. S.

The Meaning of the Defeat of the Anti-Trust Bill.

The Reid bill which passed the House and was defeated in the Senate last week had "teeth"—if we may use that expression. It drew the issue to the point between the law-makers and the one trust that operates largely in North Carolina, namely, the American Tobacco Company. Its avowed and outstanding purpose was to prevent that company from making agreements (with its subsidiary companies) to prevent the increase of prices of North Carolina tobacco. It was designed also to prevent commercial discriminations, by means of rebates, special agreements, price, etc., and also to prevent, if possible, the destruction of rivals in business.

The debate centered in the question, shall we enact this law and drive the American Tobacco Company from the State or shall we enact a law that the American Tobacco Company will operate under? It was declared—upon the authority of the lobby—that if the Reid bill should become law, the American Tobacco Company would withdraw its buyers from North Carolina,

station them in Virginia at South Boston, Danville, Norfolk and other points, to the detriment of Wilson, Kinaston, Durham, Winston-Salem and other North Carolina tobacco producers to ship their tobacco to Virginia. This is clear confusion that the American Tobacco Company does the things that this bill would make unlawful and that it means to continue to do them.

But the Senate's question would the trust withdraw its buyers? Whether it would or not, we do not know. It is a serious question, and the Senate took it seriously; it refused to make the experiment. No one denied that it was wrong to conspire to depress prices or that it is right to prevent such conspiracies. But the Senate feared lest it drive the trust from the state. It preferred the evils that we have to others that we know not of.

It might have been argued that, even if the American Tobacco Company shifted its buyers to Virginia, that was no reason why North Carolina should acknowledge the necessity of making laws to suit that company—that the true course is to do justice and let the immediate results be what they may; that a State must not conform to a trust but must compel the trust to conform to the State. It might be added that no matter what Virginia might do we must do right, and, moreover, that Virginia would soon perceive the necessity of making a law like the North Carolina law, since wrong must bring on its own correction; and finally, that it were better to destroy a great agricultural industry and ruin several cities than to acknowledge the necessity of of conforming laws to the old-fashioned methods of the American Tobacco Company. And, further, that if the American Tobacco Company should withdraw its buyers, local manufacturers would thereby gain an advantage that would enable them ultimately to build up a business that would consume the North Carolina output of tobacco. That, in a word, the cutting off of a tumor may cause loss of strength and blood at first, but it is necessary and the end will prove wholesome.

This is, in brief, the argument for the bill.

But the Senators did not care to make the experiment. They knew that if they passed this law and the price of tobacco fell and North Carolina farmers had to ship their tobacco to sell it, and warehouses should be ruined, and our tobacco markets should be broken up, they knew that if these things should happen, they would never be forgiven by North Carolina tobacco farmers or the North Carolina public. They live in a real not an ideal world; they look out for the present, not the future. Nowhere has the American Tobacco Company been hated more than in Granville county, and yet Granville's Senators were foremost in opposing this bill. We have no doubt that he acted not in behalf of the immediate interests of farmers.

It was this consideration alone that defeated the bill. The lobby had no weapon but this. There was no scandal whatever. Corruption was not thought of. It is, therefore, a clear case of the trust question being regarded as too large for one state to handle—of the Commonwealth's arms being too short, as Senator Hicks said. This is the gist of the matter.

Seeing that North Carolina in a policy of self-interest has declined to tackle the question, it becomes us as citizens of the Republic to take it up. Serious thinking on the two methods we have named will prove worth any one's time.—Biblical Recorder.

There is no article of food more nutritious or healthful than Apples and Salmon. As a brain and muscle builder, it is far ahead of beef or other meats. It sells at 15 cts a can.