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## ELECTRIC LIGHTS

### Pittsboro Will Have Lights Before Summer is Gone

It is now on good authority that Pittsboro will be electrically lighted before the summer is gone. The new brick plant at Monmouth has an option on the water power at Lockville and will put a lighting plant there and will furnish all nearby towns with electric lights, and Pittsboro is one of the favored towns. This is no bluff story but is a true one. Our citizens should encourage this new enterprise and take as many lights as they can. Space forbids giving fuller detail but more will be given in an early issue on the subject.

### Easter Accidents

Monday afternoon, while returning to Pittsboro, a Dodge driven by Manney Lutterloh, off a hill on the outskirts of town and was badly wrecked. The car was several colored. The Dodge car met a Ford, in giving part of the road, too near the edge of the road, fell over. Several in the car were cut and bruised, the driver being severely cut. One John Scurlock, had his leg broken. It was said the car was making pretty good time when the accident happened.

There was another wreck at the north end of the Roberson bridge when a car ran off the bridge and into a tree. The car was not torn up much and the driver was hurt.

### Changed Hands

The Siler City Light and Telephone Co. have taken over the Chatham Telephone Co.'s telephone system in and around Pittsboro and have put the system in first class order. A new switchboard has been installed.

The company is anxious to extend the lines throughout the county and if the farmers are interested they should at once take matters up with the company. More extended notice will appear next week.

### Ripe Old Age

The recent issue of the Siler City Record publishes the picture and sketch of Mrs. Matilda Matilda, of Chatham county, who is 87 years old March 18th. Mrs. Paschal is the mother of Mrs. Mary C. Brewer of this county. Mrs. Paschal is enjoying good health and is remarkably preserved for a person of her age. Her friends hope to see her become a centenarian in her second century.

### Attended Wedding

The following persons from Pittsboro attended the wedding in Washington City last night of Dr. J. S. Milliken to Miss Elizabeth Hill: Miss Azile Hill, J. R. Milliken, of Pittsboro; Elizabeth Milliken, of Siler City; J. F. Milliken and Fisher Peace, of Sanford; Nat Hill, of Chatham; and W. H. Turner, of Winstonsville.

Mrs. Elkins, widow of the late John Elkins, who lives on a farm from Goldston, south of Chatham, was paralyzed last night and is not expected to live. Mrs. Elkins is about 75 years of age.

## DEMOCRATS MEET

### They Held Their Convention Last Saturday

The Chatham Democratic county convention met in the courthouse here last Saturday and elected their delegates to the state and district conventions which meet in Raleigh today. The following were elected: Geo. W. Perry, W. D. Siler, J. B. Atwater, P. M. Mills, C. M. Andrews, F. M. Farrell, J. D. McIver, M. W. Harris, Jas. L. Griffin, C. D. Orrell, D. L. Alston, J. W. Griffin, W. P. Horton, A. C. Ray, J. M. McIver, Jr., J. Q. Seawell, T. H. Perry, J. M. Garner, H. M. London, H. F. Peoples, E. E. Walden, A. T. Ward, L. T. Lane, W. M. Scott, C. D. Moore, J. Wade Siler, R. R. Seagroves, V. M. Dorsett.

J. D. McIver, of Corinth, was called to the chair by Chairman W. D. Siler and W. P. Horton was appointed secretary. After the meeting was organized short talks were made by James L. Griffin, J. B. Atwater, C. D. Orrell, Leon T. Lane, G. W. Blair, C. N. Bray, C. D. Moore, J. C. Poe, D. L. Bell, A. C. Ray, H. M. London and W. R. Thompson. A resolution was introduced by W. P. Horton, and seconded by A. C. Ray, which was unanimously adopted, instructing the delegates to the congressional convention to vote for James L. Griffin as a delegate to the Democratic national convention which meets in San Francisco in June.

### High School

The triangular debate between teams of the Sanford, Siler City and Pittsboro schools will be held tomorrow night, April 9th. The debate between Pittsboro and Sanford teams will be held in Sanford, and a team from the Sanford school will come to Pittsboro to debate with the Siler City team.

Query to be discussed is: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt a policy of further material restriction of immigration." The members of our teams have made careful preparation for the contest and we expect them to give a good account of themselves. Let us encourage the boys who will be in the contest at this place by giving them a good house.

The debaters here will be affirmative: William Hunt and Arthur London; the negative: Grady Patterson and William Durham. The debaters at Sanford will be affirmative: William Hunter Fitts and Archie Ferrell; negative Archie Ray and Kenneth Dixon.

### Examination For Teachers

The regular state examination for teachers will be held in the office of Public Instruction, on April 13th and 14th. All teachers wishing to take the state examination may do so on the above named dates.

Any teacher in the county that has not had an opportunity to finish the Reading Circle Work, may take the examination on Davis on the morning of April 13th, and get credit for the same.

W. R. THOMPSON,  
County Superintendent.

Greenhouse men in Walla Walla, Washington, have been successful in forcing the growth of lettuce for the market by an elaborate electric lighting system. They were able to produce four crops in the time ordinarily required to produce three.

## The Blair Hotel Sale

The Burton Brothers, of Wilson, sold the Blair hotel property here Tuesday for the Chatham Real Estate Co., and it brought a handsome price. The hotel proper was bought by Sheriff Leon T. Lane and Mr. B. M. Poe, the price paid being \$20,500. The barber shop was sold to Pickard, the barber, for \$3,100. The two stores underneath the hotel brought \$16,000, and were purchased by Mr. A. M. Riddle. The vacant lot in the rear of the hotel was bought by Mr. W. G. Blair for \$2,500.

The land sale, just east of the corporate limits of town, which was to have taken place in the afternoon, was postponed for some reason, but it will be sold some time next month.

### Bell-Peoples

At Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal church last Tuesday evening Mr. Daniel L. Bell was quietly united in marriage to Miss Allie Peoples, Rev. W. E. Allen officiating. After the ceremony the young couple motored to Raleigh where they took the midnight train for Washington City and other points. They will be at home here after April 20.

But very few people thought of such a thing as a marriage between the two and everybody was taken by surprise. The bride and groom are well known here, Mr. Bell being one of our most prominent attorneys, and Mrs. Bell is a very lovable woman and has many warm friends here and elsewhere. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Peoples, of this county, and has been making her home here for several years. The Record, with their many friends, wish for the young couple a pleasant voyage through life.

### For Commissioner

Editor of the Record: As the time is now ripe for the usual candidates, for the various county offices to declare themselves, I want to suggest a good man from Baldwin township for one of the board of county commissioners. Mr. A. T. Ward of Bynum, by virtue of his training as a mechanic in contract work and as a good farmer would make us a most valuable member of this board and I would most heartily recommend him.

C. A. SNIPES.

Bynum, April 3.

### Ford's Gasoline Street Car

Henry Ford's new gasoline street car will be ready for its test run to Chicago in about a month.

This test car is designed for interurban service and in addition to a power plant it is being equipped with a submarine-type body, standard railroad draft gear and air brake equipment.

To demonstrate the lack of vibration when the motor was running at top speed a lead pencil was balanced on end on top of one of the cylinders, where it stood without a tremor until removed.

It was explained that while the car could be run at any speed to eighty-five or ninety miles an hour, the engine would be equipped with a governor which would be set at a fixed maximum speed to insure the safe economical operation of the car in practice.

At least 6,000 arrests have been made during 74 days of constitutional prohibition, Commissioner John F. Kramer estimates.

## Now Up to the Women

The department of Justice has created a high cost of living department and has named Miss Edith Strauss, of New York city, as director. Under her leadership the women of the nation, who spend 90 per cent of the money invested in food and clothing, will be marshalled for a fight to the finish against exorbitant prices.

The scheme, as outlined by Miss Strauss, contemplates the appointment of a local chairman in every community, with a committee composed of one woman from each club, lodge, church or organization. Through these representative women will be informed regarding fair prices for necessities and will be urged not to pay exorbitant prices.

Churches will be called upon to provide special sermons on the danger of the present orgy of extravagance. Through the schools an effort will be made to win parents back to simple living, and careful buying through suggestions to the children.

### From Producer to You

Garments made of cotton are priced high, some persons say, "because cotton costs so much."

But an exhibit made before a committee of the United States Senate the cost of cotton in articles of merchandise and the articles themselves were compared. Here's the result:

Gingham—cost of cotton,	25c;	cost of article	\$4.50
Voile—cost of cotton,	19 1/2c;	cost of article	3.48
Handkerchiefs—cost of cotton,	1 1/2c;	cost of article	25
Two pairs socks—cost of cotton,	4 1/2c;	cost of articles	30

Obvious, the cotton growers of the South are not "regretting it!"

### Keep It Out of Hip Pockets

A person carrying whiskey in his hip pocket is in the same category as the outlaw caught with a burglar's kit, according to a ruling by Justice Garvis in the Brooklyn Federal court. He held that it is justifiable for an officer without a warrant to use as evidence in a Federal case liquor found in the pocket of a person who has been arrested.

The ruling was made in the case of Frank Murphy, on whom five half-pint flasks of whiskey were found after the police had arrested him on a charge of intoxication. The defendant was turned over to the Federal authorities and prosecuted for alleged violation of the Volstead law.

### An Unusual Happening

For the first time in the history of Wake democracy, this county will be represented by women delegates at the state convention, which will gather in Raleigh today. Clouds of expected tempest were rolled away, and with the dove of peace reigning, the Wake county democratic convention has delegated five women to join the ranks of the 62 delegates to take part in the deliberations of the state convocation this week.—Raleigh American.

### Farm Help Scarce in Vermont

Thousands of maple sugar trees are going untapped this year because of the inability of the farmers to secure help. Consequently, a scarcity of maple syrup and maple sugar for the markets of the country is in prospect.

## TO REDUCE TAXES

### Meeting to Discuss Plans— A Substitute

A conference on tax revision through legislation took place in Washington last week to discuss plans for repealing the excess profits tax, and for substituting something else for it:

Some said they had come to feel that something must be done about the excess profits tax. The complaints of business concerning its operation had been growing in frequency and urgency as the campaign year advanced. Business had blamed the excess profits tax for stifling initiative and preventing expansion. Officials had blamed it for the high cost of living. If a way could be found to eliminate this tax they could substitute for it something which would not create equal or worse dissatisfaction.

The purpose of the conference, therefore, was to consider what sort of tax to substitute in case the excess profits levy should be abolished.

A number of suggestions have been received. The one most generally discussed, and which appears to have been accepted by some as the most feasible, was a direct tax on sales—that is, a tax on consumption. It would be paid only on the ultimate sale—that is, on the transaction by which the article sold passed into the hands of the ultimate consumer. The proposal now being considered is for a 1 per cent tax on all "ultimate sales," and such a tax, according to various estimates, would produce from \$1,300,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000 annually, or a little more than the excess profits tax produces.

### Store Cuts Cost of Living

A co-operative store, that has been operated less than a year in Florence, S. D., at the end of five months paid each stockholder a \$37 dividend. The store in that time had done a \$64,000 business. Here are a few specimen prices:

Children's shoes, of a brand selling for \$4.75 elsewhere, cost \$3.50 a pair.

Pure mixed candies, retailing at 50 cents a pound, 25 cents in this farmers' store.

Fancy cakes and cookies are 14 to 17 cents a pound, 20 to 35 cents in private-owned stores.

Bulk coffee of excellent grade, 35 cents a pound.

Other prices range from 5 to 50 per cent less than prevailing standards.

A manager and three clerks are kept busy.

### Will Again Run For Senate

Anne Martin, defeated two years ago for the United States senate in Nevada, announced from her headquarters that she would make the race again this year for the Republican nomination. Miss Martin said she would accept the nomination if offered on her platform, which included opposition to the peace treaty and the league of nations.

Miss Martin declared that under no circumstances would she make a lone fight in the primary against a bi-partisan fusion candidate, and if so opposed would run as an independent.

A few miles south of Los Angeles is the largest bean acreage in the world under one ownership. The Irvine ranch has 35,000 acres planted in beans, which bring the growers more than \$3,000,000.

## HOOVER NOT FIT

### Politically Incompetent For Lack of Party Affiliation

Combined attacks upon the pretensions of Herbert Hoover to the Republican Presidential nomination have been made by leaders of the Republican State organization and by the Hiram Johnson campaign managers.

Herbert Parsons, Republican National Committeeman, received an invitation from Chairman R. Fulton Ontin, of the New York City Hoover machinery, to become a member of its campaign committee, Parsons, whose candidacy for national delegate is being bitterly opposed by the Hoover organization, made this report:

"Your invitation to join a Greater New York Hoover committee is declined. I believe in party government as Theodore Roosevelt did—that Republicans should nominate Republicans and that a man who in 1918 advocated the election of a Democratic Congress and who in September, 1919, stated that he belonged to no party, both of which Hoover did, is politically incompetent to be an effective Republican President no matter how successful he was in the autocratic position of food controller during the stress of war."

Johnson manager, Angus McSweeney, pointed out how under the California law Hoover, who opposes Senator Johnson there, is up to date ineligible even to enter the Republican primaries because he has not endorsed or repudiated the placing of his name on the ballot.

It was said that questions put up by Johnson managers to Hoover managers about which is his party, and how often, if at all, he has voted in the United States, might be answered this week. The questions include:

"Did not Hoover once apply for British citizenship papers?"

### PAREGORIC.

"I hear the government is going to pass a law which will be of real benefit to us."

"What is it?"

"Every man will be allowed to retain a small per cent of his earnings, which he may consider as his own."—Life

Pat—Oi'm thot thirsty if Oi had a bucket av beer Oi'd dridk the whole sup av it barring the sup Oi'd lave for yez, Moike.

Mike—Faith, Oi think ye might say ye'd lave the half av it, seein' there's no chance av ye gettin' the bucketful.—Exchange.

Dutch manufacturers are trying to introduce the habit of wearing wooden shoes in this country. They will be cheaper than leather shoes. Also they are a great producer of noise. With wooden shoes on some of Pittsboro's young men's feet there'll be no sneaking up the stairs after 12 o'clock and not wakening mother. Why, he'll be lucky not to wake up everybody in town.

### Law Took Swift Course

Twenty-four hours after his arrest and conviction, John Hood Price, 43 years old, a negro, was hanged at St. Augustine, Tex., for the murder of John Kennedy, a farmer.

The murderer was indicted by a special grand jury, and a trial jury found him guilty at a night session. Nearly 2,000 persons saw Price mount the scaffold in the public square.