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If the Republicans desire to nominate a real man-sized candidate for president, why do they not choose Borah?

There is complaint of boll weevil depredation in some Chatham cotton fields. The picking up of the first punctured forms would have checked the depredations, and it is not too late to save many a boll yet. Cotton promises to be a good price and Chatham needs to make a full crop.

That fellow that offered those big prizes for winners in a flying race across the Pacific to Honolulu should have little peace of conscience, with seven persons probably drowned as a consequence. The offering of such a prize was as murderous as it would be to tempt men to jump from the pinnacle of Pilot Mountain, and there was as little to be gained for the good of the world from it as there would be from the pinnacle jump.

A South Carolina farmer is reported to have planted oats last summer, or fall, in his corn field in order to keep down the weeds and grass, and lo, he gathered 1,500 bushels of oats this spring. Chatham county farmers have their corn rows too close together to make such a happy stroke as that. Narrow rows prevent cultivating after the corn gets waist high, while broad rows allow later cultivation, which is equal in some cases to an extra lot of fertilizer. The broad rows would also enable the farmer to sow oats, rye, or clovers in the fields at this season. Put your rows further apart and make up for the loss by leaving the corn thicker in the row.

## LET THE COUNTY AGENT BE RETAINED.

The time is at hand for the decision of the county commissioners as to the retention of the county agent. Chatham, in Mr. Shiver, has one of the best in the state, a man who knows his business and is a hard worker. Moreover, the county is getting such a man at less expense than probably any other county in the state. The whole outlay of the county is only \$1,000.00 a year. Mr. Shiver furnishes his own car and practically pays all other expenses of the work. Yet we know that the commissioners will be hard pressed to keep expenses within the 15-cent tax limit for county purposes, and the temptation will arise to clip this expense. However, we are confident that this would be a mistake. The whole cost of the maintenance of the county agent's work will be little more than the cost of the county-wide school election of a few months ago, and it is certainly an indefensible situation if one department of the county government can force the commissioners to spend the people's money against their inclination and judgment and, on the other hand, the commissioners be restrained by the limitation of levy for county purposes from expending only a little larger amount to retain a work that is, we believe, doing much to establish diversified and profitable farming in the county.

If there is to be no limit to the amount of tax money that can be levied for some of the county work, there should be none for the commissioners. If Chatham county needs more than a 15-cent levy for the administration of the courts, the county government, farm demonstration, and scores of other calls, we should trust the board of county commissioners to keep within reasonable limits and to spend money economically as much so as any other agency in the county.

If the commissioners should not retain Mr. Shiver, we are sure it will be due to this constitutional limitation of their funds, though other departments without such a limitation may waste money against the protest of the people of the county.

## LET SCHOOLS BE RUN ON BUSINESS PRINCIPLES.

The School Masters' Club reported as formed last week should be of considerable service to the high schools of the county. It is to be hoped that these high school principals are themselves capable teachers and that each of them will see to it that no incompetent teacher shall remain in his school. As stated a few weeks ago in connection with the fiasco in the Siler City school last session, when the principal did not teach a single class and the assistant principal could not teach his classes, there is little reason why a teacher lacking the necessary scholarship should be chosen for any position, since scholarship, if not teaching ability, can be readily discovered. But if such a "teacher" should have run the gauntlet and be found in any Chatham county school, there is no sense nor justice in allowing him or her to retain the job, and the Record, in behalf of the taxpayers, the parents, and the children of the county, insists that the same rule be applied in such case as is applied in business when an employee has proved himself incompetent. No contract can hold against incompetency. The teacher who contracts to teach algebra, or any other subject, has tacitly, if not outspokenly, misrepresented himself if he does not know the subject, and is as guilty of fraud as if he had sold you a wind-broken horse on the representation that his wind was good. Let's see common and business sense applied to the management of our schools. And just here we may add that, in a matter of so vital importance to the public, the Record stands ready to show up any principal or other authority who again allows such a waste of the people's money and the time and opportunities of the children as occurred in the Siler City school last session.

## THE SACCO-VANZETTI CASE.

Possibly millions will never be convinced that Massachusetts did not execute innocent men Monday night when Vanzetti and Sacco went to the electric chair, and all because of the fact that there is a defect in the law of the state, because of which it was impossible to secure another trial for the men despite claims of discovery of new evidence and the expression of many legal minds that the men were innocent of the charge of murder on which they were convicted and after seven years of intermittent clamor executed. Yet there is one thing gratifying about the matter, the governor of Massachusetts, who made a thorough investigation of the case, was convinced of the guilt of the men and had firmness enough not to be influenced in granting a pardon or commutation by a clamor that was world-wide in extent.

There seems to have been no thirst for the men's blood, and if innocent men have been executed, the tragedy is due to strict observance of the legal restrictions and not in disregard of them. But, surely, Massachusetts will not be content to hazard further the lives of innocent men by making no provision for new trials in case of new evidence or of errors of the court other than in the matter of citing or interpreting the law. Criticism of those who are convinced of the innocence of the men would have been largely estopped if a new trial had been given and the men had been again convicted. However, the execution of the men shows the futility of attempts to influence the course of law in an American state by such displays of mob violence as have been enacted in various countries of the world. Law has been vindicated, but wo if the law itself is murderous!

## BELL'S NEWS

The revival conducted at Ebenezer Methodist church last week came to a close Sunday. Fine congregations attended throughout the week. It was a very successful meeting. Rev. Walter Farrar of Rocky Mount, assisted the pastor. Prof. Grigg resigned the principalship of Bell's school, and Prof. Biggerstaff of Duke University will be principal.

Miss Adams of Virginia visited Miss Exie Truelove last week and attended the revival meetings.

Prof. P. G. Farrar and family were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. Ruffin Farrar.

Work is progressing rapidly on the New Hope bridge. It will be of concrete.

Mr. Leon Wilson has accepted a

position in Durham on the tobacco markets for the winter months.

It has not been definitely decided when Bell's school will open. Nearly all the faculty have been chosen.

V. B. Elkins is running a Chatham County Fair (not Siler City Fair). It is for the benefit of every person in the county and ten miles from the Chatham county line and for the amusement of everyone everywhere.

## SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by Brant Alston and wife Lula Alston on the 20th day of July, 1925, and recorded in book of mortgages A. C., pag e15, Chatham county, we will on Saturday the 24th day of September, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon at the court house door in Pittsboro sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, containing 88 1-4 acres more or less, situate, lying and being just off the Siler City-Pittsboro highway about three miles west from Pittsboro the same being bounded on the north by lands of Harlow Taylor heirs; on the east by lands of Arthur Alston; on the south by lands of Martha McClenahan and on the west by lands of Joe Alston and being the same land conveyed to Brant Alston by the executors of W. L. London by deed dated January 15th, 1917, recorded in book F. J., page 277, in the office of the Register of deeds of Chatham county.

This sale is made by reason of failure of Brant Alston and wife Lula Alston to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust to the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham.

This the 17th day of August 1927.

FIRST NATIONAL CO., INC., of Durham, Trustee, formerly First National Trust Co., Durham, N. C.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale granted to the undersigned Commissioners by an order made and entered in that certain action pending in the Superior Court of Chatham county, entitled "Joe Spoon et als vs. Goldston Sash and Door Company et als", the undersigned Commissioners will offer for sale, on the terms hereinafter mentioned, on Monday, the 12th day of September, 1927, at 11 o'clock A. M., at Goldston, N. C., on the premises of the Goldston Sash and Door Company all that certain lot of land lying and being within the corporate limits of the Town of Goldston, Chatham county, North Carolina, and being more fully described and defined as follows, Viz:

Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as appear on the plat of the "O. D. Barber property", and for a more accurate description reference is hereby made to the title deed recorded in the registry of Chatham County, North Carolina in book GO, page 145 et seq.

On the above described real estate is located a planing mill and other machinery designed and used for the making of sash, doors, and other building material,

all this machinery, equipment, buildings, etc., will be sold as a part of the above described real estate.

The terms of the sale are as follows: Ten percent on the day of the sale; 23-1-3 percent cash upon confirmation of the sale by the court, and the balance in thirty and sixty days after the date of the confirmation in equal installments. There will also be sold at the same time all other articles of personal property of the Goldston Sash and Door Company, such as lumber, goods in process, windows and doors and all other building material; book accounts and all other assets of the Goldston Sash and Door Company, real, personal and mixed.

The terms of the sale for the personal property is cash.

Sale will be subject to confirmation of the court.

This the 12th day of August, 1927.

W. R. CLEGG & WADE BARBER, Commissioners.

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Those four certain lots lying and being in the Town of Bennett, Chatham county, N. C., and being bounded by Vance Liberty and Buffalo Streets, and for a more full and accurate description reference is hereby made to the registry of Chatham county, Book GL, page 624 et seq., same being the property heretofore conveyed to Goldston Sash & Door Company by W. A. Ward and by the Goldston Sash & Door Company to the Pine & Oak Manufacturing Company, to which deeds reference is hereby made for a more full and detailed description.

Located upon the above described real estate are steam engines, boilers, a dry kiln, planing machine, and buildings, etc., all of which will pass with the above described real estate on the day of the sale. It being the purpose of this sale to sell the physical plant of the Pine & Oak Manufacturing Company located on the above described real estate.

The terms of the sale will be 10 percent cash on the day of the sale; 23 1-3 percent cash on the day of the confirmation of the sale, and the balance in thirty and sixty days from the date of the confirmation in equal installments.

Sale will be subject to confirmation by the court.

This the 12th day of August, 1927.

W. R. CLEGG & WADE BARBER, Commissioners.

When harvesting the crops this fall, don't forget to save some seed for planting next year. This suggestion is made by plant breeding specialists at State College who also advise field selection where possible.

# AUCTION SALE

OF

# REGISTERED JERSEY CATTLE

# SILER CITY

# Monday, August 29

12:30 AT FAIR GROUND

## Twenty Bred Heifers

AND

## Six Young Bulls

Representing some of the best Jersey blood in the State

## Lunch Will Be Served On The Grounds

Sale being held under auspices of Jersey Cattle Club Association of America

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