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BEST UNION MEETING HELD

President Alexander Talks of the Farmers' State Convention at Durham.

The Charlotte Observer carried the following interview: Saturday:

"The best convention we have ever had," was the manner in which Dr. H. Q. Alexander characterized the recent meeting of the state division of the Farmers' Union that adjourned Thursday night in Durham after having been in session there the greater part of the week. The convention, according to Doctor Alexander, was characterized by a more manifest and intelligent interest on the part of those attending, by superior merit and wisdom on the part of those discussing the various subjects presented for consideration, and by a more practical and common-sense agreement as to policies for the future. The "back to the farm" propaganda seems to have lost none of its vitality by reason of the high price of cotton and there is an even more fixed determination on the part of everybody to "make their own living first" before undertaking to plant so much cotton. There is also growing a spirit of determination on the part of the farmers to finance themselves, not only by watching their store and bank balances and expenditures more carefully but by raising their supplies at home, which is after all the hope of financial independence on the part of those who live by the sweat of their brow. The convention, according to Doctor Alexander spells much for the future of the farmers of North Carolina.

AS TO PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

"What about the action of the Union in opposing the president's plan of preparedness?" Doctor Alexander was asked.

"That was done as a matter of principle first and then as a conception of public policy second," declared President Alexander. "The great mass of farmers in North Carolina are opposed to such a militaristic policy as that enunciated by Mr. Wilson and they therefore registered their protest in the form of the resolution you saw adopted so heartily. Our best experts tell us that harbors cannot be attacked by enemy vessels if adequately defended by mines and submarines and therefore if our aim is simply to defend ourselves, we will not need such a vast assemblage of dreadnoughts, battle cruisers, etc., to roam the face of the waters, potential trouble-makers all of them. With the facts before them, delegates to the convention enthusiastically passed the resolution embodying their protest to the president's military scheme."

AS TO FERTILIZERS.

"What about the fertilizer question, in view of the shortage of potash and other essential ingredients?" Doctor Alexander was next asked.

"That is a matter," replied he, "that is in the hands of our executive committee and will be handled by that body and any committee or committees that may be appointed. The problem of course, is one of gravity and will call for discriminating work."

COTTON ACREAGE.

"What is the sentiment about cotton acreage for next year?" Doctor Alexander was then asked.

"That is a very hard question to answer," replied he. "There can be no question but that the farmers of the state are going to raise their supplies at home next year and this will necessarily curtail the acreage some. I am confident that there will be no great acreage and that the yield will be restricted. The fertilizer problem will see to this if there was nothing else to help it along. Last year the farmers substantially curtailed their fertilizer consumption and they will

Ante Bellum Claim May Be Paid To Son

The W. P. Bollinger mentioned in Friday's Enterprise as being credited with \$110.66 on the books of Uncle Sam for carrying the mail prior to 1861, turns out to have been the father of Geo. E. Bollinger, formerly of this county, now of Statesville, and the father of Mrs. Martha Burch, wife of Henry A. Burch of Hickory. He was a brother of Levi P. Bollinger, well-known farmer living west of town. Geo. E. Bollinger came here Saturday to look into the matter and take steps to prove his identity, and secure the money for himself and sister. It would be all they ever got from their father, who was killed in the war, and by accident. When Lee invaded Maryland Mr. Bollinger was with his command, and as they marched, came to a canal bed, into which he started to descend, when his trousers leg caught the hammer of his musket, causing it to discharge. The ball tore up his right hand, entered his throat and came out the top of his head, killing him instantly. His son, then but a boy, remembers that, and recalls that his father did carry the mail. A number of old soldiers know all the facts and will aid Mr. Bollinger in establishing his claim. He has taken the matter up with Congressman Webb. Should interest be allowed on the claim, it and the principal, after 54 years, would total \$469.22.

A Washington attorney recently wrote the clerk of the court, stating that such a claim could be made and asking for the address of the mail carrier or of his heirs, and publication of it brought the matter to Mr. Bollinger's attention.

Hearing Before the Clerk.

In a hearing Saturday Clerk J. T. Setzer ordered M. L. Stockton of Rutherfordton College released from jail without bond, and appointed Jesse C. Sigman, attorney, as trustee to make an investigation of Stockton's assets, Stockton having taken the insolvent debtors oath that he was worth less than \$50, after having served 21 days in jail. This had to do with the case of F. M. Thompson against Stockton, heard in superior court in July, when Thompson was awarded a verdict of \$500 and costs as damages for wrongful prosecution by Stockton. When execution was levied against Stockton's property, no assets were found, and he was then put in jail. Self and Bagby, representing Thompson, appealed from the clerk's decision, the plaintiff contending that Stockton should be held in the sum of \$1,200 until the investigation of his assets was complete. Spainhour and Mull of Morganton represented Stockton. The origin of the action was in a trade made between the two parties, Stockton alleging that Thompson had misrepresented matters, and indicting him in Burke county, where Thompson was acquitted. He then sued Stockton here for alleged damages and got judgment for \$500, but has been unable to get the money.

Farmers' Union Meetings.

Members of the various locals of the Farmers' Union are advised that J. Yates Killian and other well known members of the Union, will meet with them at the following times and places:

Terrel, the 26th, at 7 p. m.; Monogram the 27th at 2 p. m.; Mt. View the 27th at 7 p. m.; May's Chapel the 30th at 7 p. m.; Oliver's December 1 at 7 p. m.; Null's December 3, at 7 p. m.; Piney Grove the 4th at 2 p. m.; Rockett's the 4th at 7 p. m.; St. Timothy's the 6th of December at 7 p. m.

It is hoped that the members will be out, as it will be of importance at each place.

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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL NEWS

Charles D. Foard of Wilmington was here Saturday and went out to his brother's, Dr. F. T. Foard's, to spend Sunday. Mr. Foard is a traveling salesman, handling stoves, hardware, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowe spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warlick. Mr. Warlick spent Sunday at home and returned to Hickory yesterday where he is with Ashecraft & Lockhart, merchants.

John W. Ervin has returned from a business trip to Nashville and Chattanooga where he went in the interest of Junior Order insurance business, of which he is a general manager.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoyle of Wadesboro were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Otto Hartsoe yesterday, enroute home from a visit to Morganton. M. T. Hartsoe, Mr. Hartsoe's brother, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hartsoe, of Maiden, also arrived yesterday.

Tomorrow evening the annual "open meeting" of the Book club will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Stewart. Members of the club are privileged to invite two guests to this delightful annual function, and the ministers of the town, including President J. D. Andrew of the college, are also invited. As usual, a very pleasant evening is in prospect.

Progressives All.

On the same day that Myron T. Herrick reported to the Hamilton Club of Chicago that the republican party had "become progressive," Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania announced his candidacy for the party's presidential nomination.

Even without the assurances of Mr. Herrick, Senator Penrose's candidacy would be sufficient to convince the most sceptical voter that the republican party is progressive from its hide to its marrow. Only the idealism of progressive principles could inspire the candidacy of a Penrose.

Not only is the republican old guard, which owns the republican organization, truly progressive, but all its allies are progressive. The tariff hogs that have been squealing ever since their fore feet were clubbed out of the trough are progressive. Big business is progressive. The money crowd is progressive. Reaction has proved unprofitable, and so the boys are working the other side of the street.—New York World.

Hot Times in Utah.

Joseph Hillstrom, a Swede, member of the Industrial Workers of the World, charged with killing a man in Utah, was, in spite of all efforts to save him, legally executed last Friday. In Utah they shoot 'em when convicted of murder. The I. W. W. had warned Governor Spry that he too would get shot if Hillstrom was executed. Spry was appealed to by President Wilson to show clemency and did grant a respite, but nothing new developing, he had Hillstrom shot according to law. He says he is determined to clean Utah of the murderous gang of labor agitators who have fomented so much trouble there.

Bull Moose Ticket.

George W. Perkins of New York, "angel" for the Progressives, spent Friday in Chicago, conferring with local Bull Moose leaders, and declared that the Progressives would put a national ticket in the field in 1916.

Progressive leaders at a meeting in Kansas City Saturday declared for Roosevelt and Johnson as their choice again for 1916 and resolved to that effect. The national republicans may get together yet but these signs do not indicate it.

Committees Appointed For Woman's Club Work

At the meeting of the Woman's club Thursday afternoon, the following standing committees were appointed:

Membership—Mesdames C. W. Thurmond, chairman, R. P. Cochran, S. F. Watson and Miss Mary Yount.

Court Square—Mesdames J. F. Stewart and Geo. Moose, chairmen, Mesdames J. H. Yount, R. B. Knox and J. H. McLelland.

Graded School—Mrs. J. Y. Killian, chairman; Mesdames W. E. Bacon, W. B. Gaither, T. W. Long D. M. Cloninger, Misses Olive Duke and Carrie Thornton.

Library—Mrs. W. C. Feimster, chairman; Mesdames Herbert Yount, A. G. Conoly and J. P. Yount.

Clean-Up—Mesdames S. L. Herman, chairman, W. L. Killian, W. T. Hoyle, G. D. Wine-coff and T. W. Harwell.

Charity—Mesdames G. C. Little, chairman, W. M. Sikes, S. E. Duke, Misses Etta Moose and Rebecca Trollinger.

Social—Mesdames C. M. McCorkle, chairman, W. D. Cochran, J. R. Campbell, Loy Sigman and Geo. A. Warlick.

Any woman who finds it impossible to serve will notify her chairman of that fact. The report of the committee in regard to beautifying the court square was made the principal business of the next meeting.

More than 30 women have the club and it is hoped that every woman of Newton who is interested in the betterment of the community in civic and charitable lines will enroll her name as a member of the club.

The next meeting will be held at the graded school Thursday, December 2, at 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. J. R. Campbell, Secretary.

Receipts For Club At Grand Theatre

Manager Debrille Allred has graciously offered to give the net proceeds of the Grand theatre for Friday afternoon and evening to the Woman's club, to be used in its work for civic betterment and improvement. Everybody is urged to go to the Grand, see the pictures and help along the very commendable work which the women of the town have instituted.

Col. Samuel B. Horne of Win-

sted, Conn., testifying in an ex-cise matter, declared he drank only on his physician's prescription, but he never drank alone—waited always for somebody to come along and drink with him.

Cotton—The Ginner's Report.

The ginner's report yesterday showed there had been ginned 8,770,000 bales of cotton against 11,624,000 this time last year. The market seems to have expected about such a showing and little change resulted in prices.

The Newton Markets

(Corrected Every Issue)

Cotton	112¢
Cotton seed	50¢
Cotton seed meal	1.90
Cotton seed hulls	75¢
Wheat	\$1.30
Flour	\$3.00 to \$3.20
Bran	1.85
Corn	75¢ and 80
Corn meal	1.00
Oats	60
Rye	1.10
Peas	1.25
Irish potatoes	90¢-1.00
Sweet potatoes	40¢
Dried fruit	3¢
Chickens	10¢
Eggs	25¢
Butter	25¢
Turkeys	12½¢
Beeves	3½ to 4¢
Calves	
Hogs	10¢
Sheep	15¢
Dry hides	12½¢
Green hide	

THANKSGIVING AT THE CHURCHES

Thanksgiving service at Concordia Lutheran church, Concord, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with preaching by the Rev. Prof. H. B. Hemmeyer; subject: "God's Providence over Our Nation in the Past Year. What is it to you? Thunder, Angel's Voice or God's Wonder?" The public is cordially invited. Come and join us in a worthy observance of the day.

The union Thanksgiving service of the churches will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Methodist church and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. M. Sikes. The usual Thanksgiving offering for the various orphanages of the state will be taken and distributed among the institutions as indicated by the contributors.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

There was much interest at the college in the week of prayer services held last week by Rev. Shuford Peeler, and each service was well attended. Mr. Peeler has returned to Greensboro.

A very fine session of the district Luther league was held in St. Andrew's church at Hickory the last of the week. Officers elected were A. L. Moser, Hickory, president; Miss Mary Huffman, Hickory, vice-president; Charles Reitzel, Newton, recording secretary. Mr. Reitzel made a splendid talk during the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Zion church, in the Newton pastorate, the last of May.

The Sunday school state convention convenes in Salisbury this week. The various churches will send delegates. From the Reformed church today Rev. W. W. Rowe and W. A. Reinhardt will go, and tomorrow President J. D. Andrew of the college will attend.

The Methodist Sunday school will send Mesdames W. E. Bacon and G. C. Little; the Philathea class Miss May Bowman, the Baraca class H. H. Lowry and the Junior Wesley class, Evans Setzer.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Self Makes a Hit With U. C. T.

Hon. W. A. Self of Hickory was the speaker of the evening and guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Salisbury Council No. 507, United Commercial Travelers, Friday evening, and it is learned that he made a characteristically fetching speech and withal a decided hit with the U. C. T.'s, which is no more than was expected.

He was introduced by his fellow county man, Preston M. Dellinger, who said:

"I have the pleasure as well the honor of introducing to you the speaker of the evening, who comes from the same county of which I am a citizen. We feel proud to have him with us and I feel sure there is a treat in store for us all. I do not indulge in flattery when I say that he is a lawyer of great ability, and a speaker of state-wide reputation, who is always gladly listened to by friends and his opponents, have always recognized the force of his reasoning. Hitherto he has preferred to follow his profession rather than accept a public office, but it is a matter of public knowledge now that his friends are urging him for the position of attorney-general of the state, which position, I am sure, he would fill with credit to himself and with honor to the state. The gentleman is the Honorable W. A. Self of Hickory who will now address you."

Mr. Self discussed "U. C. T. Citizenship." The Salisbury Post says "he made a splendid and exceedingly entertaining talk." The traveling men were much taken with him.

State Farmers' Union Opposes Preparedness

The Farmer's Union last week in winding up its convention at Curham adopted a resolution opposing any material increase in the appropriations for war. Other matters dealt with included the following:

Repeal of the merchant crop lien law.

Provision for race segregation of land ownership.

Reform of taxation system so that the taxes will be more equitably distributed along the lines suggested in the last amendments to the constitution or some other methods.

Incorporate rural communities.

Initiative and referendum.

An anti-usury law regulating banks and public service corporations.

Give some official in North Carolina the right to regulate the insurance rates promulgated in the state.

An adequate rural credits bill be passed by the national congress at its forthcoming session.

Among the other things called for and advocated in special resolutions were:

Provision for the state to furnish the school books in public schools at publishers prices.

Regulate express and freight rates on truck and fruit.

Indorse the action of the national convention in asking that some settlement be arrived at as to cotton tare that will be just both to the spinners and producers of cotton.

Approve the work of the tobacco farmers in cooperative storing of their products and in the manufacture of plug and smoking tobacco.

Declare that a paper which advertises patent medicines is not entitled to the confidence or support of the Farmers' Union.

Indorse the boy road patrol and urges that its organization be begun in the counties of the state.

Opposed to the legislature interfering with the rights of the judiciary.

Indorse the proposition that the executive committee be authorized to lease for the use of an industrial school designed to fit farmers sons for college with an idea of keeping them on the farm, to be established on the property belonging to the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance, located near Hillsboro, on such terms as they may approve, provided that the legislature at its next session will make sufficient appropriations to place the school on a firm basis.

Rev. J. H. West Sent to Newton.

The new Methodist preacher for Newton, as announced last night at conference in Reidsville, is Rev. J. H. West, who has been financial agent of the orphanage. The presiding elder is Rev. W. R. Ware, who was among the speakers at the last commencement at Catawba college in May.

Rev. A. L. Stanford goes to Hickory; Rev. Jim Greene back to Rock Springs; Rev. Mr. Peeler back to Maiden and Rev. Mr. Loftin to Catawba. The pastor of the South Fork charge is Rev. J. H. Robertson.

Rev. W. M. Biles goes from Newton to West Asheville.

Married.

Thursday at the home of the bride, Miss Mittie Schrum, daughter of Mr. Sidney Schrum, and Prof. L. M. Eppes, principal of the graded schools of Spray, were married, Rev. J. D. Andrew officiating. Following a wedding luncheon, the couple left for Reidsville and will be at home in Spray. Professor Eppes is a Lincoln county man.

Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of the bride's father D. T. Whitener, near Brookford, Miss Laura Whitener became the bride of Anderson Mitchell of Alexander county. Rev. V. L. Fulmer of Newton performed the ceremony.

REVIEW OF WORLD EVENTS

Wide Survey of General News Given in Paragraphs for Quick Reading.

The British government has ordered that no able-bodied subject of the empire shall be allowed to leave the isles without special permission. It would seem to be a forerunner of conscription.

Senator Luke Lea was defeated in the primary in Tennessee Saturday and the place he holds will go to former Governor Patterson or K. D. McKellar, who will run in a second primary.

A Mecklenburg farmer took a big gobble to Charlotte Saturday to ship away to a friend for Thanksgiving. In a grocery store where the bird was being crated, it broke loose and flew into a \$40 plate glass window and broke it like a 42-centimeter shell and the farmer, who was giving away the turkey, had to pay the \$40.

The white house Thanksgiving turkey will be a bronze yearling gobble from the blue grass region of Kaintuck, raised on the farm of Seth Trimble, clerk to the house of representatives. It will weigh between 30 and 35 pounds, following weeks spent in a pen where it has been fed corn, celery, red pepper and acorns.

Sharing the front page of the big papers with the news of the world war are stories about a Chicago physician allowing a defective infant to die because if science prolonged its life it would grow up to be an idiot and an invalid. The infant's parents agreed it would be best to let it die; the physician said so. All parties are denounced and exonerated, praised and blamed, and the physician will be indicted.

Quite a court row has been going on in Penn's Grove, N. J., over how much is too much beer or whiskey. They want to take away the license of the only saloon in the Grove, and the fight turns on how much is enough. Wets have testified that a man isn't drunk as long as he can stand up, while dries have declared you are soused if you take as much as two glasses of whiskey or more than five goblets of beer. The court at last report was still undecided as to when drinking turns the corner into drunken.

J. E. Halthcock Dead in Bed.

John E. Halthcock of Hickory was found dead in his bed at 11 o'clock Friday morning when his non-appearance caused a call at his home. He was about 70 years of age and is survived by his daughter, Mins Mattie, and a son, George E. Halthcock of Gastonia. Mr. Halthcock was one of the best known business men of Hickory and had many friends there and throughout the county who were pained to hear of his sudden demise.

With Our Subscribers.

J. H. Lael, Catawba man in Illinois, sends \$2 and writes: "I am sending last year's subscription and one dollar for next year. Your paper is sure worth the money and it gets better every day." Mr. Lael is one of about 400 Tar Heels scattered around in other states who get The Enterprise and any of 'em who feel like it can do just like he did. He's a good egg. B. S. Holden, another Illinois friend has had his name entered on the lists.

J. M. Miller is another \$2 man during the week and Dr. J. C. Whitesides of Maiden has sent in the price of another year, as have R. B. Cline, M. A. Rudisell, who left \$3, and E. D. Roseman. It is the time o' year for everybody to come across.

One after another Saturday three new ones came in—Geo. E. Bollinger, G. L. Sigman and R. D. McRee, of Statesville, Claremont and Charlotte.

Mrs. J. A. Yount of Conover was shopping in town Saturday and called and renewed her subscription.