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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

This is to notify all persons that the partnership heretofore existing between P. A. Lewis and L. E. Fountain, whereby a liquor business was conducted in the town of Tarboro, N. C., under the style and firm name of Carr & Lewis, the said L. E. Fountain being a resident partner therein, (he having by purchase acquired the criminal interest of Howard Carr) has this day by mutual consent of all parties been dissolved. The said P. A. Lewis assumes all debts and liabilities of the former partnership and is now the sole owner and proprietor of the business which he will continue at same place.

This 16th day of July 1906.

L. E. Fountain,
Howard Carr,
P. A. Lewis.

Standard Oil and the Republican Party.

The connection between the Rockefeller banks and the United States Treasury Department is so close that any plan for popular blood letting through favors to the National City Bank of New York and the Riggs bank of Washington is always known far in advance by those institutions. Indeed, the Riggs bank keeps a minor official, who was for awhile Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, on purpose to nose around his old haunts and keep the Standard Oil people advised of when a fresh financial mellon is to be cut, so that they can be on hand early for the lion's share of the spoils. In 1905 the Treasury officials were mailing circulars of the National City bank to all the holders of certain bonds, which were to be converted and the profits of that large transaction largely accrued to Standard Oil in consequence of this Republican official assistance. The present immaculate administration of course could not be caught grafting, and all the favors granted the Standard Oil clique were for the benefit of the tariff plundered taxpayers.

There is another young man who in Standard Oil took over from the Treasury as an asset of the Gage administration, he poses as a great authority on "high finance," predicts panics and foretells prosperity as suits the Standard Oil interests. He is the Mother Carey's Chicken of finance to tell of the coming storm and stress to the country if the advice of Standard Oil is not heeded. At present he is harping on that old plundering scheme of "a scientific banknote currency," the best plan for which would be "a government bank having the power of issue whose sole business would be in its relation with other banks and whose chief operations would be the rediscounting for other banks."

That proposition would even stagger Andy Jackson, for with Standard Oil capital embarked in "a government bank," the old United States bank and Biddle, that gave President Jackson and the Democrats so much trouble before they could squelch it, would look like one of the new $25,000 nationals in comparison to one of the gigantic financial institutions which Standard Oil already controls. Such "a government bank having the power of issue and rediscounting for other banks" and thereby having them all more or less in its power, with the unscrupulous men in charge that dominate Standard Oil interests, would indeed be a wonkerful institution. It would beat the bank of England and the bank of France, in financial power, and would dominate our politics also.

Standard Oil has no expectation of such an institution immediately. It is for the future when the people are more composed politically, but it takes time to lay the wires that can be electrified into life when times are propitious. It is well, however, to keep watch and ward over those elected as representatives of the people that they may not be hypnotized by this great power, which, in one of its smaller corporations, controls more money than the old United States bank that the Whigs—the Standpatters of Jackson's day, fought and bled for. Nothing but a United and honest Democracy can prevent the consumation of this scheme of vast finance, or something like it, for the Republican party would accept it today, in order to perpetuate itself in power.

The fact that the Republican Secretaries of the Treasusy, with the evident approval of the President, encourage this close connection with the Standard Oil interests is portentious of favor of this plan of financial centralization in the highest Republican quarters, and will require jealous watching on the part of Democrats and honest Republican voters to thwart and prevent it

The End of the World

of troubles that robbed E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Ia., of all usefulness, came when he began taking Electric Bitters. He writes: "Two years ago Kikney trouble caused me great suffering, which I would never have survived had I not taken Electric Bitters. They also cured me of General Debility." Sure cure for al! Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, Blood diseases, Headache, Dizziness and Weakness or bodily decline. Price 50c. Guaranteed by Staton & Zoeller.

Soliciting campaign funds for political purposes from federal employes is forbidden by law, yet President Roosevelt has sent in his dollar in respouse to the solicitation of the chairman of the committee. The President, no doubt, does not consider himself an employee of the government, but the boss. Nevertheless he has set a bad example as an office holder and civil service advocate, but who expected any better?

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Workmen and Their Tools.

The monotony of labor union meetings was broken the other night when a spirited fellow blurted out: "You chaps can talk the year round about wages and hours, but mighty few of you know how to keep your tools in order and get the best out of them. I'll bet there ain't a dozen men here tonight who don't abuse their tools. You let 'em rust out, throw 'em away and buy new ones." There was a general movement in the room. An old man said he had used a saw for twenty years. A tailor declared one pair of shears lasted him eighteen years. A carpenter's drawing knife was fifteen years old. Old Jimmy, of Washington Market, used a carving knife twelve years. Joe Oebstel had a hatchet for twenty two years. A boxmaker used a pocketknife nineteen years. A cabinetmaker had a plane bit that wore out a dozen stocks; &c. The experience meeting turned out to be highly interesting.—New York Press.

What Noon Means in Law.

When is it legally noon? Fire insurance policies expire at noon, and the word is admitted to mean exactly at 12 o'clock midday. But standard time has not been adopted in all communities. Many small towns cling to the sun time, which may be from a few minutes to nearly an hour earlier than standard. In one State a fire occurred at two minutes past noon, sun time, and the insurance company held that the policy had expired before the fire. Sun time is used in that town, but the insured sued the company, holding that local customs did not run the policy, and that he was entitled to his insurance. The State courts sustained him. In another State a similar contention was taken to the courts and just the opposite decision given. Several conflicting precedents have been established in State courts, and it is said the question can only be decided for good and all when a case has been carried into the United States courts and passed upon by the Supreme Court.—N. Y. Press.

Wants Peter's Tomb Opened.

Catholic intellectual circles the world around have been stirred by an open letter addressed to Pope Pius X calling on him to open the tomb of St. Peter at Rome and settle for all time the current gossip that if such a tomb exists it will be found to contain nothing.

The New York Freeman's Journal, edited by Father Lambert, published the full text of the letter yesterday. The letter is signed by a person who styles himself "Marcellus of the Old Stones." He is believed to be a noted Italian archaeologist.

For 15 years or more there have been doubts in archaeological circles as to whether there is a tomb where the famous monument of Michael Angelo stands, and where Roman pontiffs for centuries have knelt in prayer before taking up the burden of governing the Catholic Church.

But no one has been bold enough to publish a letter calling on the reigning pontiff to excavate and so settle the doubts. Marcellus declares, briefly, that there is no tomb, or if such a thing exists it will be found to have been desecrated.

"This," he says, "is the belief of the foremost aachaeologists of Europe. There is still a doubt, however, and to settle the minds of all interested, and in the interest of science, it is the duty of the Holy Father to order an excavation.

Marcellus's letter has drawn no response from the Pope, but two of the most distinguished archaeologists in the Catholic Church. Prof. Marucchi and the Jesuit Father Grisar, declare Marcellus is wrong; that there is a tomb and that the body of the First of the Apostles is there.

Father Grisar and Prof. Marucchi, however, and Manager Marnes, another eminent archaeologist, agree with Marcellus that the tomb should be opened in order that the doubting may be convinced.—New York Sun.

In Self Defense

Major Hamm, editor and manager of the Constitutionalist, Eminence, Ky., when he was fiercely attached four years ago, by Piles, bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of which he says: "It cured me in ten days and no trouble since." Quickest healer of Burns, Sores, Cuts and Wounds 25c at Staton & Zoeller's drug store.

"Howard got awfully thin this Summer running to catch the 7.30 every morning."

"Yes; he looks trained down."—Harper's Weekly.

Papa (reaking)—Five bridal couples went down with the steamer which sank in the bay last night.

Lovesick Daughter—How divine! Honeymoons in heaven.—Lustige Blatter.

FROM THE DIARY OF JULIUS.

Being Fragments Dug up From Beneath Ruins of Ancient Roman Forums.

Januarius 18—This has been a very exciting day. About 10 o'clock I dropped into the baths for a ham and, and just as I was getting into my dressingg gown and settling myself for a smoke, in came Nero with a skate on.

"Hello, Nee!" says I. "How's Poppea?"

"Poppy's peevish today," he said, "so I took lunch down town. Let's change the subject."

He pulled a bottle out of his pocket and applied himself there to with great zeal, after which he passed it on to me.

These rites inevitably led to poker.

Now it was—if I remember correctly—immediately following the seventh drink when Nero tried to buffalo my three jacks with a bobtail flush. I gently but very firmly opposed this breach of the ethics.

"Take a drink instead, Nee," I said facetiously, and reached for the pot.

Nero went away up in the air.

"Slave!" he thundered. "Go right home by the first car and open the veins in your wrists!"

Now I love and respect Nero, but at the same time I have my own dignity to uphold. I stood pat.

"Now look here, Nee!" I said truculently. "Have you realized that I carry the vote of the Appian Way ward in my vest pocket? You make that remark again and I'll have the push barking at your heels before night, and trouble will be following you round like a tame chicken."

This sobered Nero in a flash.

"Forgive me, Jule!" he said. "The truth is, I am worried to death about what I'll get when I go home tonight. Really, old chap, I don't particularly care whether you open your wrists or not. Buy a drink and we'll call it square."

I performed this ceremony, and Nero and I once more were bloot brothers.

I am proud to own the friendship of this great and good man. He is the incarnation of nobility, when he is not full of bubbles.—Lowell O. Reese in Judge.

Japan's Trade Invasion in Europe

Some fifteen years ago, when there was a possibility of the manufacturers of warlike stores being too busy in England to supply what we might require in Australia, I got our minister of defense in Victoria to try what Japan could do in making rifles to special patterns. We sent a cadet's rifle (Francott) and a Wilkinson officer's sword. In a wonderfully short time we got a dozen perfectly made rifles at the same price we had hitherto given, and a dozen swords quite equal to the Wilkinson for £1 each—just one-third of our contract price for the same article from England.

In articles of ordinary use, such things as cricket bats and tennis racquets made in Japan are in Australia cutting out similar articles made in England. Last summer, when in the Highlands, I was informed that a consignment of Japanese made nail brushes, similar to English ones, had actually found its way to a town in the east of Scotland.

I found Japanese boots, made to measure, when I was in Yokohama so good that I now get my boots from Japan by parcel post. The material—American leather—and the makes are both excellent; the price, including carriage, just one-half of what I have hitherto paid for similar boots in London.—Maj. Gen. Sir Alexander Tulloch, in the Nineteenth Century.

Galveston's Sea Wall

makes life now as safe in that city as on the higher uplands. E. W. Goodloe, who resides on Dutton St., in Waco, Tex., needs no sea wall for safety. He writes: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption the past five years and it keeps we well and safe. Before that time I had a cough which for years had been growing worse. Now it's gone." Cures chronic Coughs, La Grippe, Croup, Whooping cough and prevents Pneumonia. Pleasant to take. Every bottle guaranteed at Staton & Zoeller's drug store. Price 50c and $1 Trial bottles free.

"Oh, George!" exclaimed the fiancee, "there's liquor on your breath! Suppose father should find out that you drink."

"He found out today," replied the accepted lover.

"Oh! how did he find out? What did he say?"

At Friday's Democratic committee meeting, Mr. Bassett worked the Mark Hanna act on Dr. Speight and Mr. Daughtridge, "You gentlemen," he said, "have played your game and lost, instead of giving up the stakes you are manoeuvering for a new deal." Just about the size of it.

M. W. Haynes has been elected delegate to the National Firemen's Association, which is to meet this year in Roanoke, Va.

Death the Revealer.

That is a picturesque bit of assessment work just completed out in Chicago on Marshall Field's estate. The Board of Review decides that Mr. Field "escaped" taxation during the last seven years of his life on $105,000,000 of personal property. So they have figured up these back taxes and added them in with the rest, making a total of $2,800,000 due the city from the estate.

This novel proceeding is of considerable interest to the other millionaires of the country, as well as the municipalities whose privilege it will eventually be to wind up their worldly affairs. If Mr. Carnegie's $400,000,000, most of it personal property, and John D's reported thousand million were subjected to such a retroative holdup, very tidy little sums would be secured for the public treasury. The operations of the Chicago assessors beautifully illustrate the absurdity of the personal tax.

The rich men should, of course, be made to pay their just share of taxation, but a law which enables a man with $130,000,000 of personal property to pay taxes on $2,000,000 is so manifestly inefficient as to be ridiculous. When further, at death it steps in and publicly stamps a man celebrated as one of the best citizens of his city as a thief, and holds up his estate for the back taxes he has cheated the government out of, the final touch is put to this assessorial fantasy. Until some method can be devised of uniformly enforcing the taxation of personal property and freeing it from the stigma of double taxation this moral perversity of the millionaire and even the smaller financial fry is certain to persist.

Even Mark Twain has admitted that he succumbs to the prevailing infection. "In fifteen minutes," he says in recounting his first experience in swearing off, "I was become just a mere moral sandpile, and I lifted up my hand along with these seasoned and experienced deacons and swore off every rag of personal property I've got in the world.—New York Globe.

Pernicious Effect of Headache Powders.

The use of patent powders for headache, sleeplessness, nervous exhaustion, and similar difficulties has enormously increased within the last few years, writes Dr. Luther Gulick, in the World's Work. Taken in small doses and at rare intervals these much advertised remedies do not seem to be injurious. But a person who gets into the way of using them soon gets out of the way of sticking to rare intervals. This is almost inevitable. As long as the powder will produce the results he wants, he is really forced to keep on using it, for the actual cause of the trouble has never been reached, and it keeps making more trouble for him and demanding attention. But after the drug has been used long enough for the system to become habituated to it, the effect grows less and less in proportion to the size of the dose. So the doses have to be increased.

There is no drug that can be taken into the system regularly without working harm. Every drug has a secondary effect as well as a primary one. The immediate effect is all a man thinks of when he takes it; but the secondary effect follows just as inevitably. It is of an entirely different nature and it is always bad. For example, the secondary effect of the coal tar headache powders is to reduce the number of red corpuscles in the blood, whose business it is to carry oxygen to all parts of the body.

A Mystery Solved.

"How to keep off periodic attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Life Pills solved for me," writes John N. Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. The only pills that are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction to everybody or money refunded. Only 25c at Staton & Zoeller's drug store.

"Judging from Miss Thumperton's treatment of the organ," sarcastically remarked the choirmaster, who objected to the new organist engaged by the rector, "you prefer to buy your music by the pound."

"Well," replied the rector, quietly, "it isn't always supplied by the choir."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

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One View of the Landlord and Tenant Act.

The demand for special legislation is generally an unjust demand, because it is in the interest of a few people rather than the public good. Unfortunately there is too much of it, and so much that it has become accepted as the proper thing. Special legislation is generally an effort to secure just as much in behalf of particular parties as can be secured without a protest from the public. It is often merely the use of the power of the State in the interest of a few or a class. Such a law as the present so-called landlord and tenant act, for example, is, in effect, giving to an employer the power of the State to punish criminally a laborer for violating a contract, in the making of which the strong man, in the person of an employer, has all the advantage.

After making an agreement to his advantage, the landlord can invoke the power of the State, not to see that his rights to liberty and property are not violated, but that a penniless and perhaps ignorant laborer shall carry out an agreement that he has become to believe deprives him of his rights. North Carolina is in need of harking back to some fundamental principles.—Monroe Journal.

Corporation Tax Valuations.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission has made public its statement of the revisal of the tax valuation of the property of public service corporations in the State.

The general increase over the valuation made last year is $677,215, the valuation last year being $75,373,333, and $76,050,548 this year.

This will mean about $750,000 in State, county and school taxes, the city taxes being additional.

The increase in the valuation was caused by improvements and and extensions. A general re valuationis required by statute every four years, but the valuation made does not come under that statute.

The complete statement of the revaluation, is as follows:

Name of Company	Total Val.
Atlantic Coast Line Railroad,	$24,454,014.00
Seaboard Air Line Railroad,	12,500,000.00
Southern Railway—Owned lines,	14,735,250.00
Southern Railway—Leased lines,	11,739,689.00
Miscellaneous Railroads,	5,648,408.00
Total,	$70,077,361.00
Telegraph Companies,	$ 1,016,025.00
Telephone Companies,	938,956.96
So. Express Co.,	402,109 00
Pullman Company,	176,906.25
Electric Light and Gas Companies,	808,084.00
Street Railway Comnies,	1,749,650.00
Water Works Companies,	547,670.00
Steamboat Companies,	142,259.00
Bridge and Canal Companies,	80,100.00
Refigerator Companies,	111,427.00
Total,	$ 5,973,187.21
Grand total,	$76,040,548.21

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Brother Kills Sister.

Thursday afternoon, Mack Jenkins, a colored lad about 15 years old and living with his father, Mack Jenkins, on Mrs. M. E. Weatherbee's farm in No. 5 township, in handling a pistol which he thought was not loaded accidentally discharged it. The ball struck his little six year old sister, Maggie penetrating the abdomen and puncturing the intestines in six places.

She was brought here to the hospital and received prompt treatment. Her wounds are of that nature that Dr. Harrell holds out little hope for her recovery.

A Delightful Dance.

Friday evening a very enjoyable dance was given at the little town of Old Sparta, by some of the clever young men of that place, in honor of several visitors, who have been enjoying themselves in that little city.

The couples at the dance were as follows:

J. W. Lawrence and wife, Rufus House and wife, of Conetoe; Dr. M. B. Pitt and wife, of Sparta; Miss Matrie Stancil, of Hill, Mr. Lovelace, of Richmond, Va; Miss Mattie Sugg, of Tarboro, J. H. Randolph, of Hill; Miss Lillian Pitt, Thad Thigpen; Miss Annie Sugg, of Tarboro, W. Bryant of Falkland; Miss Rachel Pitt, P. G. Shelton; Miss Mary Bland Pitt, Leslie Smith, of Falkland; Miss Aldine Shelton, S. Q. Carlisle, of Tarboro; Miss Etta Sugg, of Tarboro, C. G. Bradley, of Tarboro; Miss Lizz Pender, of Tarboro, Julius Thigpen; Miss Selma Knight, John Thigpen, Miss Mary Rawls Gilliam, of Tarboro, Mark Pitt; Miss Lelia Shelton, Charlie Newton, of Falkland; Miss Rand Archer, Luther Stancil; Miss Lucille Maggett, of Wilson, Herbert Shelton; Miss Louise Pender, of Tarboro, W. E. Shearin, of Tarboro; Miss Rachel Lawrence, Archie Knight; Miss Clyde Stancil, Paul Lawrence.

The stags were C. Cobb, Guy Smith, Hugh Shelton and Jeff Webb.

All left the dancing hall about 1 o'clock, pronouncing the evening most enjoyable, and proceeded to the home of charming Miss Rachel Pitt, where ice cream and cake and several other delicious viands, were served.

A more enjoyable evening has never been spent by the writer.

A Visitor.

A Candidate With Platform.

To my fellow citizens of Edgecombe county:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Senate of Edgecounty.

I have very reluctantly done so, but my friends from all over the county have so persistently urged me to do that it has been utterly impossible for me to resist the temptation. As every candidate, I think should first state his platform, and then stand flat-footed on the same, I will enumerate a few of the principles that I stand on.

1st. I am opposed to automobiles running at large.

2nd. I am opposed to this vaccination business as it is carried on, as I think the juries in our last court has bourne me out in.

3rd. I am opposed to bicycles running over young children as they so often do.

So far as automobiles are concerned, should I not be able to repeal the law before the Legislature, I am in favor of taxing them $1000 a piece, and apply the proceeds to the schools of the county.

As my crop has not been laid by, there are other suggestions in my mind that I cannot enumerate in this, my announcement, that would be beneficial to my fellow-citizens, but will do so later.

I remain yours very truly,

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Having qualified as administrator on the estate of David V. Bullock, deceased, notice is hereby given all persons holding claims against said estate to present them for payment or acceptance by me on or before the 12th day of July, 1907, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. Those owing said estate will please make immediate payment.

This, July 7, 1906.

W. L. Stallings, Admr.
G. M. T. Fountain, Atty.

Dr. Speight's Speech.

The required number of signatures to a call, having been presented R. G. Allsbrook, chairman of the County Democratic Executive committee, that gentleman promptly notified all the members of the committee including the central committee, to meet here today to consider the objects and purposes set forth in the petition, viz: that the county convention for June 19th, had no right to nominate county and legislative candidates, having been convened for the purpose of naming delegates to the State, Congress and Judicial Conventions; that for the adjourned convention which is to meet Aug. 14th to make such nominations would be ultra vires, contrary to the plan of the party organization.

Chairman Allsbrook called the meeting to order and requested Frank Powell to act as secretary. After the roll call of the precinct chairmen had been completed, showing all save two present, it was suggested that to complete the roll-call the names of the members of the central committee be called. Dr. Speight and E. L. Daughtridge raised the point or question whether the central committee, unless chairmen of the precinct committees were members of the committee. The chairman held that they were, and without further objection, the roll call was completed, and then came the crux of the meeting. Speight and Mr. Daughtridge contended that a call for a county convention, in which the call specifies to name delegates for State, Congress, and Judicial conventions, that the added words "and to perform such other duties and matters as may come before it," gave the convention no right to nominate county candidates.

The discussion which was numerously participated in brought out the fact that in a number of townships that the question of county candidates was discussed; that in a majority of the precincts it was stated that the sentiment was in favor of the convention making nominations and opposed to a primary. In several the strength of candidates was taken.

The meeting was characterized with fairly good feeling. Dr. Speight said that he had urged a new convention so that the party should act according to the plan of organization. L. V. Bassett answered him very fully, showing that he was present last June when the time for the county convention was determined on by the precinct chairmen and the members of the central committee; that at that meeting the executive committee instructed G. M. T. Fountain, who was chairman of the executive committee, to so frame his call that the convention could either nominate candidates or call a primary.

The committee under the organization plan had a right to call a primary, but rather than take the responsibility about which there differences of opinion, the matter of nominating county and legislative candidates was left to the convention. H. A. Gilliam said that Mr. Fountain had asserted that such was his intention in making the call and that the convention was fully within its authority.

This resolution was then adopted: "Resolved that it is the sense of this committee that the county convention which convened on June 19th acted within its rights when it adjourned to reconvene August 14th to nominate county candidates." Vote for resolution, 16, against 3; not voting, 4; absent 2. The committee then adjourned.

These are the facts concerning the conditions in Edgecombe.

As the News & Observer has seen fit to describe conditions here, we should be pleased to see the truth in its columns, by publishing this.

VISION

If you have defective vision and wish it corrected, see me at the following places on dates named and let me FIT you with CORRECTING glasses:

Davistown, July 23.
Pinetops, July 24, 25.
Macclesfields, July 26, 27.
Crisp, July 28.
Old Sparta, July 30, 31.
Mildred, August 1.
Conetoe, August 2, 3, 13.
Whitakers, August 7, 8.
Battleboro, August 9, 10.
Speed, August 14.
Coakley, August 15.
Tarboro, August 16, 17, 18, at Hotel Farrar.

Yours sincerely,
G. W. MEWBORN,
Doctor of Optics.