

It is a wise man who knoweth when to sell his cotton.

Have our airmen earned their salaries as well as the county commissioners?

Conservation of credits in Edgecombe are at a discount of 25 per cent and may be 100.

The county commissioners' probe is proving to be a veritable divining rod.

At least it must be admitted that our town authorities have been paying out side the bonds.

The census will not enumerate the number of men in Edgecombe who are convinced that the best men are not appreciated.

The violent fluctuations in cotton on the exchanges indicate clearly that the speculators are at work.

In the meantime Mr. Cotton owner, bear in mind that 15 cent cotton is not disproportionate to the manufactured product. Catch it on the up grade if you can.

How much more consideration should be paid a man, who lies about his taxable, than the poor devil who sells a little liquor for a profit?

It is respectfully submitted that any community, corporation, or individual, that pays out annually over \$20,000 should have some system even the town of Tarboro.

Alderman Roberson three months ago argued by resolution that the committee make estimates of the needs of their departments and that the aldermen make appropriations for these and that such appropriations should not be exceeded. Sensible? But it is yet to be carried out.

Outside of W. L. Dunn and Lam Lawrence not one of the county commissioners make any claim to personal pichitude, though just why Winfield Ruffin and the others do not modestly put in a claim we do not know. But beauty of person side they are behaving most loyally to the honest taxpayer. After an investigation of less than three months they have added to the county revenue about \$1,000.

Merely Exploitation.

According to reports this country is now threatened with a tariff war with Germany. The many years of amity between England and Germany are threatened because of trade competition and the advocates of a tariff in Great Britain are urging Germany's tariff laws as its cause.

Sifted down the nations have imposed taxes on imports claiming that such was done to obtain revenue but in reality to exploit some industry to benefit some particular interest.

The sooner these tariff wars are begun, the sooner will the consumers of the nations of the earth appreciate a long existing fact that they are paying undue profits to a class. Any tariff tax, that is other than for revenue only, is an exploitation of the many for the benefit of the few.

—People easily constipated dread the winter. Nothing but hard, coarse meals. No fruits, no vegetable to keep the stomach active. Your best relief, your greatest friend now is Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the world's tonic physic. Do it to night.—Edgecombe Drug Co.

Should Do Good.

The Southern's article calling attention to the hypochondria of light and water bonds for money borrowed for general municipal purposes, has been frequently commented on. The substance of the comment was that it would do good, bring about a more careful scrutiny of town expenditures, and a more business like supervision on the part of the mayor and aldermen.

No one has expressed to the reporter any approval of diverting these bonds for the purpose for which they were intended and authorized.

The bonds were sold to a Chicago concern and were forwarded with draft attached for the amount, by one of the local banks, which being advised by its Norfolk correspondent bank that same had been received and the money placed to the credit of the bank, informed the town authorities that the money for the bonds was subject to their order.

The Chicago bidder did not take the bonds, and before the authorities were advised of the failure, a considerable amount had been made on the supposed fund.

Of the money thus drawn on, \$2,000 were expended for the purpose the bonds were to be issued for. All the annexed districts have been lighted, but still some \$10,000 were spent for other purposes, mostly on the streets in the old town.

The tax lists show about twice this due the town, it is true, but these lists should stand for what the town needs for general purposes and all money derived from the sale of bonds should be used for extending the water and sewerage system throughout the greater town.

In the annexation campaign, this much was promised, and this much even those who opposed the Greater Tarboro have a right to expect.

—Don't trifle with Kidney and Bladder trouble. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills as directed and you will at once notice satisfactory results. DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills are antiseptic, healing and soothing. Be sure to get DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills when you ask for them. Refuse substitutes and imitations. Look for the name on the package. Sold by all druggists.

DIRT-EATERS OF AUSTRALIA.

To These People the Hookworm Has Been Known For Some Time.

Dr. E. A. Syme, a prominent surgeon of Melbourne, who is in this country to look into the methods in use at Johns Hopkins, that institution being ever a magnet for scientists in all parts of the world, says:

"We have known of the hookworm for quite a while in Australia. It is a pest known only to the northern part of Australia, and it flourishes in the State of Queensland, which has an exceedingly hot climate. I have never heard of it in other portions of our country. In Queensland its victims are a class of shiftless persons who are addicted to the bad habit of eating dirt. A hookworm patient is invariably a dirt-eater, and the ailment is known as the 'earth-eating disease.' It has the same baneful influence as is noticed in the United States; the one affected, loses vitality; his blood becomes thin and impoverished and his aversion to labor of any sort pronounced. Whether these poor creatures eat the earth or the hookworm, or whether because of the hookworm or what, or the parasite is a result instead of a cause, is hard to say. The two seem to go together."

National Bank Squabble.

As has already been stated, a suit is pending in the courts to decide who controls a majority of the stock in the First National Bank.

The case arose when he heard the judge issued an order forbidding the election of directors till the case was being appealed to the Supreme Court was decided. This was agreed to by the counsel for each side.

Monday 11, about a half a dozen stockholders, only two of whom reside here met in the bank and went through form of electing a board of ten directors.

Today five of these directors quitted, and then went to the bank to elect officers. This was refused, so the election, it is said, was held elsewhere.

Just why this election was held when the court had forbidden it is not very clear. It has been urged that those taking part were no parties to the suit. Yet if this suit is decided in favor of the defendant, the present bank management would be illegal.

The matter will be referred to the Comptroller of the currency, who will no doubt promptly decide whom to recognize.

Saved at Death's Door.

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virtually I was a skeleton. My doctor, Dr. Mitchell, gave me Electric Bitter, which cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am strong and well. For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, try Electric Bitter. 50c. at W. H. Macfarlane."

New Firm.

Harris & Little is the name of a new firm in the market house, succeeding Turner & Little. G. F. Harris buying out A. Little.

For two years, Mr. Harris managed the Carolina Dairy and gave more satisfaction than the buyers and users of milk had ever known before. He has to stand and reluctantly too, the dairy business, because of his eyes. About 15 is not unknown to him, and unless we are mistaken, he will give his patrons in the meat line as perfect satisfaction as he did his milk ones.

Mr. Little is an energetic, clever young man, obliging, polite and considerate. So about as clever a proposition as can be found here or elsewhere, is Harris and Little.

TAX INVESTIGATION.

Probe of County Commissioners Will Find \$4,000.

Tuesday, January 18th, will be remembered by some. It was the day for a final hearing of those whose they first invited and then cited to appear before them to show that they had paid for taxation all the property, which by law they should.

The investigation which the commissioners had inaugurated, disclosed a list of listing solvent credits that astonished the investigators, yet they well knew before that there were in many instances offsets to these in the shape of debts. To get this explained, this meeting was called.

It is not yet known how much the tax list will be increased, but it now seems that the increase will approximate a half million dollars. It certainly is over a quarter of a million. It would appear sure that the county revenue will be increased at least \$4,000.

There were a few who did not appear, these will be summoned by the sheriff and double tax will be imposed on them for any delinquency as it may be that warrants charging a criminal offense will be issued.

As a rule, the delinquency was due to carelessness or ignorance though there was more than one that had the appearance of deliberate evasion.

The commissioners carried their investigations back five years and they found delinquencies ranging from a few hundreds of dollars to nearly two hundred thousand.

Mounting Higher.

The list is not complete yet, but it can now be stated with safety that the total will exceed \$6,000 and may go as high as \$7,000.

Some cases of hardship were presented to the commissioners and of which this paper will comment on later, but the commissioners held that they did not make the law which gave them no discretion, that their duty was to enforce it. This they intend to do without favor or partiality.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

Washington, D. C. January 15, 1910.

Mr. Pinchot has given out the statement in which he praises the Roosevelt conservation programme and calls upon the plain people of the country to protect their interests and insists there is immediate danger that water powers will be absorbed. He says that the enemies of conservation in Congress, through the Tawney amendment stop the work of conservation. He says, those who sell public lands steal homes from men and women who need them. Congress can stop the pillage of the country. He says that the President can let it go on. He does not refer to his dismissal from office and he does not criticize President Taft but he lauds Mr. Roosevelt in calling the conference of government officials to the attention of the National Conservation Commission and transmits a message from Roosevelt transmitting its report to Congress. It is now plainly realized that as a free lance Mr. Pinchot will be no less potent in national affairs than he was when a public officer. It is even possible that his detachment from office has marked him as the most eminent advocate of national conservation and made him more effective for this cause than he was before. The question is up to Congress, and the people of the country will watch with interest, not unmixed with anxiety, the action of the national legislature on the great question for which Gifford Pinchot stood and stands.

In time of war promotion is rapid. Lieutenants and privates, who went into the Civil War and were fortunate enough to live through it, came out in many cases as Colonels and Generals. The Army and Navy is always ready to fight, realizing, if not expressing, the feeling that promotion is certain through the death of a superior officer; but in peace all this is changed. West Point and the Naval Academy turn out Lieutenants in great numbers while Colonels, Commanders, Admirals and Generals live on with proverbial persistence, keeping the youth waiting too long for stars and bars and the emoluments of higher office. The country, also, it is suspected, suffers from this persistence in longevity, for the history of wars, as well as of prize fights, show that the aged man is seldom successful except in planning. Success in all physical undertakings depends more on celerity and endurance than on anything else. There is a plan before Congress for eliminating the older officers from the service so that in case of war the corps of Commanders, both on land and on sea, may be available of a younger age and more vigorous physique than were those who went to battle in the early days of the Civil and Spanish wars.

Ex-President Roosevelt did all he could to get younger and fitter officers into the Army and Navy. He had an ill-coordinated contempt for the old and gouty heroes of past wars, whom he saw in the Department Bureau and at the Club during his long official residence in Washington and he doubtless had a lively remembrance of the fatalistic sentiment which he witnessed in Cuba while he presided to command the Army. His banking general was to the head of the Army and his rapid promotion of other young officers Philipine has done more to shed the glory from him even than his insistence that they should prove themselves able to ride and march. Curious isn't it that policemen and army officers grow to be fat and unfit for use so early in life?

There has been considerable excitement and discussion in political circles during the week. The attitude of the insurgents and regulars has been discussed and at one time there seemed to be an inevitable fight to a finish. Now an armistice appears to have been patched up and it is said that the President is the mediator between the Cannonists on one side and the insurgents on the other. Mr. Taft, in his efforts to harmonize, is not very successful and it being in popularity with both sides of his party. Information comes from all parts of the country that many Republican are anything but pleased with the administration.

There are indications that some or later Congress will take up the subject of the Parcel Post. Representative Murdock is making data relative to the package man and wants to know why the nation is not to have the right to carry mail to its Postmaster. General reports showing a deficit of some millions of dollars last year, while the Wells Fargo Express Company declared dividends amounting to twenty millions of dollars on a capitalization of eight millions. The Murdock resolution calls attention to the fact that the Department has for many years surrendered its right to transport the packet mail matter, and emphasizes the point that this lack of thrift in the Post Office Department is enriching the express companies.

It has been the hope of thousands of people in and out of Washington that Congress will change the inauguration date from the proverbially blizzardy fourth of March to the more genial last Thursday in April, the day on which the first president of the United States was inaugurated. Representative Henry, of Connecticut has introduced such a bill in the House and it was apparently sailing smoothly toward enactment. But as is usual in such an unwieldy, heterogeneous assembly as the Congress of the United States, some petty objector has interposed and the bill will probably be beaten notwithstanding the fact that thirty-nine governors of states have expressed their approval of the measure, it being necessary for two-thirds of the states to approve before it can become a law even after it has passed the Congress of the United States. Mr. Perkins of New York asserted that the agitation for the change of date for the inauguration had come from the city of Washington.

The Largest Mortgage.

There was filed here last week for registration, the largest mortgage in amount and in number of words ever recorded in this county. It was given by the Atlantic Coast

CUTTING WHOSE MOLON.

The following was furnished the Associated Press.

Twenty million dollars in common stock is to be the share of the stockholders of the International Harvester Company in the profits of the past few years.

The announcement that this "molon" would be cut was given out at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. here today. The distribution is to be made ratably as a stock dividend to the present \$60,000,000 of common stock.

The decision to make the distribution followed a preliminary report to a meeting of the directors, today by the comptroller of the company. This report showed that after putting aside reserves in excess of those set aside in 1908, the earnings for 1909 exceeded \$14,000,000.

The stock distributed is not all that the stockholders will receive, for the board of directors today further recommended that \$3,200,000 be set aside out of last year's earnings as a 4 per cent dividend on the common stock. This stock has heretofore paid no dividends.

The statement issued by George W. Perkins, chairman of the finance committee, follows:

"At a meeting of the directors of the International Harvester Company, held today, the comptroller of the company presented a preliminary statement of earnings of the company for the year 1909, which shows that after setting aside reserves of various kinds in excess of those set aside in 1908, the net earnings of the company for 1909 exceeded \$14,000,000.

"The company has now \$60,000,000 preferred and \$60,000,000 of common stock. The directors recommended an increase of \$20,000,000 in common stock, representing surplus invested in business during the past seven years, the same to be distributed ratably as a stock dividend to the present \$60,000,000 of common stock.

"The directors further recommended the setting aside out of last year's earnings of the sum of \$3,200,000 as a 4 per cent dividend on the \$80,000,000 of common stock, payable 1 per cent each quarter, beginning with April 15, 1910.

"Formal action on this dividend matter will be taken at the board's regular meeting for dividend purposes on January 23, at which time notice as to closing of books for dividend purposes will be given."

To the stockholders no doubt this is gratifying news, but how about the purchaser of the International Harvester Company product?

Ever think of that! If the stockholder did so with complacency, let how about you, Mr. User of These Machines?

It has been proven so clearly, so indisputably, that while the American purchaser was paying one price the European and other foreign buyers were paying another which was less, much less, than you. The company has made enormous profits which they took out of the people who protected them from foreign competition, and for which favor they were made to pay nearly, if not quite, a fourth more than an alien.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO, Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Bank of Conoco.

The much talked of Bank of Conoco was organized on Tuesday, January 18th, with a paid in capital of \$15,000 and by the election of Henry Clark Bridges, of Tarboro, President, and R. H. Mayo, of Bethel, Vice President and with the following Board of Directors, all of whom are well known and successful business men, and whose names being connected with the bank will insure its success.

R. B. Dawson, R. C. Warren, C. L. Warren, W. H. Whitehurst, H. C. Bridges, R. H. Mayo, B. H. Taylor.

The Executive Committee to manage the affairs of the Bank was left in the hands of Henry Clark Bridges, R. H. Mayo and C. L. Warren.

Mr. Bridges is President of the Pinetops Banking Co., the Bank of Hookerton, the Bank of Fountain, and is also President of the East Carolina Railway.

Mr. B. Dawson is one of the most successful farmers in Eastern North Carolina and is a capitalist.

Warren is a successful merchant of Conoco, being managing member of the firm of Warren, Dawson & Co. Conoco is located in the eastern part of Edgecombe County, is one of the richest farming sections of the State "Conoco Section" has a State reputation for its fertile land and its successful farmers.

The Largest Mortgage.

There was filed here last week for registration, the largest mortgage in amount and in number of words ever recorded in this county. It was given by the Atlantic Coast

Line to the New York Trust Co. for \$200,000.00.

\$21,000 and the face amount of \$200,000.

This mortgage is to be registered in the county through which the A. C. L. runs, so the face sum in the aggregate will amount to a little fortune.

—You'll feel better after taking DeWitt's Little Early Bitters, the safe, sure, pleasant gentle Little Liver Pills. If you would be sure of good results insist on DeWitt's Carmelina. It is good for big cuts or blisters. It is good for small scratches or bruises or big cuts, but is especially good for piles. Sold by all druggists.

FREE Hand Decorated \$10.00 DINNER SETS.

By FREE A Way Absolute. By FREE to Our Customers.

A Large Clock, which is on exhibition at our store, will be round up—the face of this clock is covered—and it will be allowed to run down and stop.

With Every Purchase of a certain amount we will give a card—this card will be stamped with a special time of day. The card also stamps a certain time when you are to present it at our store. On the time specified all persons holding cards for this date will present their cards at the time indicated, the clock will be then snatched, and the person holding a card which time is nearest to that of the time when the clock stops, gets a beautiful complete dinner set Absolutely Free.

Remember, You Must Be In The Store when the clock is uncovered as the dinner set will be given to the person present with the nearest time card.

We Will Give Away a great many dinner sets, so if your card does not win at the first uncovering of clock, do not throw it away; save it. You may win on it the next time, or the 3, 4, 5, 6, or some future time. Save your cards.

Our Prices will remain as heretofore, the lowest—our quality as always, will be the best. The purpose of this dinner set distribution will be to please our old trade and we hope will enable us to have some of you who never dealt with us to give us a trial. It is simply a profit-sharing idea—that's all.

Will you call at our store and see the dishes and get further particulars.

Yours soverly,

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Remember that when WE offer a used, or second hand piano, it has been thoroughly overhauled and put in good condition by our factory workmen.

You take no risk, for every piano is a bargain, and, if within three years, you wish to exchange for a new STIEFF or SHAW piano, we will allow you the FULL PRICE PAID for one of these instruments in payment for the new piano.

No. 1—MANSFIELD & WENDL Upright Mahogany case. Splendid condition, and a good bargain at \$75.

No. 2—RADLE Piano. Large size, mahogany Upright; well worth \$250.

No. 3—WEBER Upright. Rosewood case. New strings; refitted, and 5 great bargain at \$160.

No. 4—WHEELLOCK Upright. Mahogany case. Traded in on a Player Piano, and can hardly be told from a new one. Only \$250.

No. 5—EMERSON Upright. Ebony case. Only 6 1/2 octaves, but in splendid condition, and a genuine bargain for a beginner. Only \$110.

No. 6—KNABE Upright. Walnut case. Traded in on a Player Piano. Been used very little, and is in first class condition. \$275.

No. 7—STIEFF Upright. Rosewood case. Rebuilt throughout, and good as new. \$275.

No. 8—STIEFF Upright. Ebony case. Has been used only for apartment purposes, and is as good as new. \$300.

No. 9—STIEFF PLAYER PIANO. Beautiful mahogany case. Been used only for demonstration, and is as good as new. Only \$650.

No. 10—KNABE Square. Rosewood case. New strings. Case refitted. \$75.

No. 11—AUTO PIANO (Player piano). Condition good as new. A real bargain at \$475.

Write at once and state FIRST and SECOND choice, as there are very few of these instruments, and they will soon be sold.

CHAS. M. STIEFF.

L. C. Steele, Mgr., 114 Granby St., Norfolk, Va. Mention this paper.

Official Piano, Jamestown Exposition.

NOTICE.

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain mortgage executed to the undersigned by Jordan H. Dancy, and recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds of Edgecombe County, N. C., in Book 112, page 68, I shall sell for cash at the Court House door in Tarboro, N. C., on Monday, February, 14th, 1910, a certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in said county and State, and in the town of Tarboro, adjoining the vacant lot of Dr. S. N. Harrell and others and being the identical land conveyed to Jordan H. Dancy in the deed recorded in said office in Book 112, page 218 to which deed, reference is hereby made for a particular description of said land, and the dimensions of said lot being fifty feet front one hundred and fifty feet deep and fronting on St. John Street, extended.

January 13, 1910.

HENRY JOHNSTON, Trustee.

Land Sale.

By virtue of a trust deed to me executed and delivered on the 15th day of January 1909 by Edmund Hart and wife and upon the demand of Abraham Wooten the said trust therein named, I will on Tuesday the 15th day of February, 1910 sell at public outcry at the Court House door in Tarboro town, Edgecombe County, N. C., to the highest bidder for cash, two certain parcels of land:

First: The land devised to Francis Hart by her father, Chesterfield Clark, see Will Book, "C" at page 219 for further description.

Second: The tract in Princeville Section, the tract in Princeville Section conveyed to Edmund Hart by R. J. Koeh and wife, see Edgecombe Deed Book 82, page 134 for better description. Trust deed under which sale is to be made is recorded in Edgecombe County Registry in Book 146, at page 184.

This January 11, 1910.

G. M. T. FOUNTAIN, Trustee.

Land Sale.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by C. J. H. Stancil and wife to John L. Bridgers, Edgecombe County, Registry Book 141, page 150, I will offer for sale on Saturday, Feb. 12th, before the Court House door in Tarboro, one lot in the town of Ocotone to-wit:

Beginning at Corner next to church on Church Street, then northeastward 62 feet to a corner, then running southeast 188 feet, then southeast 62 feet, then northwest to the beginning and containing 1,144 square yards, being a part of the lot bought by N. B. Dawson from the Warren heirs. Deed from said Dawson and wife registered in Book 135, page 81, Terms Cash.

January 10, 1910.

JNO L. BRIDGERS, Trustee.

NOTICE.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed to me, as Trustee, by Maggie Carr, Howard Carr and Maggie Carr, dated the 27th day of December, 1906, and registered in Book 114, page 271, I will offer for sale at the Court House door in Tarboro on Saturday, January 22nd, at 12 o'clock, M., the interest of Maggie Carr, Howard Carr and Howard Carr in and to the following described tract of land:

Beginning at a stake, Pitt's corner, thence S. 45 degrees East 297 poles to two large ash trees in the run of John's branch, thence down the middle course of said branch to the middle course of said John's branch, thence up the run of said branch to Pitt's corner, thence S. 15 degrees East 200 poles, 125 poles to the first station containing 125 acres, more or less, being the identical land conveyed to the late Wiley Walston by Thom. D. Gay and Thom. B. Gilliam and assigned to J. D. Watson in the partition of the lands of the late Wiley Walston. Reference is made to said proceeding for a better description in Book 61, page 271; thereafter conveyed to David Carr by Mary Walston, Deed Book 82, page 218, and thereafter conveyed by David Carr and wife to his children, Howard, J. F. Maggie and Mollie Carr, Deed Book 101, pages 172, 173, 174, 175.

Terms of sale cash.

J. M. NORLETT, Trustee.

Gilliam & Gilliam, Attys.

Dec 18, 1909.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to notify all persons having claims against the former firm and partnership business of W. G. Webb & Son, of Old Sparta, N. C., to exhibit same, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of January 1910, or this notice will be placed in bar of recovery thereon.

All persons indebted to said firm must make immediate settlement.

This the 7th day of January 1910.

JERRY D. WELLS, Surviving Partner of W. G. Webb & Son.

R. G. ALLSROOK, At