

ARE NOT RAISING FUNDS TO ASSIST JUDGE WHEEDBEE

LOCAL MAN, INTERESTED IN OPPOSITION TO MR. SMALL, GIVES OUT STATEMENT.

DENIES THE REPORT

Says No Steps Are Being Taken in Washington to Raise a Campaign Fund for Wheedbee's Fight Against Mr. Small in Not a Personal One.

That reports, to the effect that a fund is being raised in Washington to finance Judge Wheedbee's campaign against Congressman Small, are false, was the statement given out for publication this morning by one of the local men who is said to be interested in the Small opposition.

"There is absolutely no truth in this fact," he stated, "and you can inform your readers that no steps have been taken in that direction. It is true that we are planning to oppose Mr. Small at the next election, but the fight is not in any way a personal one."

"I don't know from whom the report originated that we are raising the money here in Washington to assist Judge Wheedbee. I noticed that you mentioned this in the first interview you published regarding the matter. There has been some mistake made, whether deliberate or accidental, I cannot say. At any rate, you can rest assured that the report is false."

SPEAK BEFORE C. OF COMMERCE

J. W. Proffit Will Inspect Points of Interest Here and Make Address on February 3rd.

Mr. J. W. Proffit, of Providence, R. I., who is traveling in the interest of community interest and community advertising, has included Washington in his itinerary through Eastern North Carolina and will be in this city on February 3. He will arrive here in the afternoon and will spend the afternoon visiting the various points of interest in the city and at night he will make an address to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Proffit is now in New Orleans where he is booked for an address before the National Foreign Trade Council.

Mr. Proffit has already spoken at Raleigh, at Kinston and at New Bern. On the 4th of February he will leave for Wilson where he will spend the day and appear before the Chamber of Commerce on that night, and on the 5th he will be in Edenton.

The visit of Mr. Proffit means a great deal looking towards the up-building of Eastern North Carolina, as he is in position to give publicity to the progressive towns along the Norfolk Southern Railroad among the moneyed interests of the East where people are looking for an opportunity to invest their money in such lands as we have in Eastern North Carolina.

Total British Casualties Half Million
London, Jan. 29.—Premier Asquith says that the total British casualties in all fields of operations up to January 9 were 548,467, of which 24,122 were officers and 525,345 of other ranks.

BELLMO TODAY
HANK MANN
In a 3 reel L.K.O. Comedy
"UNDER THE TABLE"
VICTOR FOTEL
In a 4 reel Comedy
"BY RETURN MAIL"
LEE MORAN-EDDIE LYONS
In a Nestor Comedy
"Her Friend, the Milkman"
MATINEE DAILY—4 P. M.
SCHOOL CHILDREN 5c

ANTE-BELLUM RELIC HAS PELED ITS LAST

Bell in City Hall, Put up in 1855, Gives Way to Modern Improvements. Has Warned City of Thousands of Fires.

For sixty years a guardian over the homes in Washington; ever faithful and ever ready to serve, the old bell in the city hall tower, which has warned the citizens of fire since the year 1855, has pealed its last. Modern improvements, in the way of fire alarm systems, have doomed the bell to make room for the more up-to-date "tapper." It will still be retained in the tower, but in the future it will be stationary and not allowed to swing.

There is a world of interesting history connected with the old relic and there are probably a few of Washington's older residents who will remember when it was installed.

Previous to 1855, the alarm of fire was given by means of hitting a hammer against a huge iron wheel.

There was no regular fire department at that time, but when the men of the city heard the clank of the hammer against the wheel everyone who could grab a bucket and lend assistance.

Realizing that the method of giving alarm was not of the best kind, the ladies of the city canvassed the city for contributions and during the year of 1855, the bell was purchased. On its side is the inscription:

To the City of Washington,
From the ladies of the city.
1855.

During the civil war, the bell was used several times as a danger signal. It has been used for calling various meetings and has probably warned the residents of Washington of thousands of fires. It is still in excellent condition.

OFFER HELP TO CHOCOWINITY

Washington Good Roads Association Offers Chocowinity of Roadwork to Lead Assistance.

A series of letters to the prominent residents of Chocowinity township, regarding the good roads project in that district, are being prepared and sent out by E. L. Stewart, secretary of the Washington Township Good Roads Association.

The purpose of the letters is to advise the parties to whom they are addressed that if they will take the responsibility of advertising the matter and seeing the voters and tax payers in person and arranging for a representative meeting at an early date, advising the Washington Good Roads Association of the time and place, the local organization will arrange to take one or two car loads of our most enthusiastic workers, go over to the meeting, outline plans under which an election will have to be held and assist them in perfecting a working organization. In addition to this, after the organization is completed, the secretary's office of the Washington Good Roads Association will be open to the Chocowinity association at all times and the secretary and other members of the local association will be glad to render any practical assistance in their power in the way of advice, speeches, written articles and otherwise tending to make a success of the proposed election for good roads in Chocowinity townships.

"NEAL OF NAVY" DREW A CAPACITY HOUSE

"Neal of the Navy," with the other splendid pictures at the New Theatre last night drew a capacity house, and every one went away feeling that they had certainly received their money's worth both as to quality and quantity. This house will tonight offer another splendid five reel program, in which there is an exceptionally strong three reel feature by the Vitagraph company entitled "Through Troubled Waters." Any one attending the performance at this house tonight will see one of the best programs of the week.

GOLDSBORO ELEVATOR BOY MEETS A HORRIBLE DEATH

Goldboro, Jan. 29.—Floyd West, a young white man employed at the Borden Cotton mills, of this city, met a horrible death this afternoon, when his head was torn from his shoulders. The accident occurred while West was leaning out from an elevator he was operating in the cotton mill, his head being caught between the flooring and the elevator, on the second floor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Geo. E. Spruill, of Siler City will preach morning and evening at the First Baptist church. Mr. Spruill comes as a supply and comes most highly recommended. Morning subject: "Getting Things from God." Evening subject: "Established Thoughts."

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., W. O. Privat, Supt. Barren class same hour. W. L. Vaughan, pastor, cordial invitation to the entire community.

URGE PREVENTION OF AN EPIDEMIC OF WHOOPING COUGH

One of the prominent ladies of Washington this morning telephoned this office to the effect that there were several cases of whooping cough in the city and that the mothers of those children who were suffering from the sickness should use every precaution to keep them at home and away from other children.

ALL STAR COMEDY BILL AT THE BELIMO TODAY

Today the Belimo is presenting an all star comedy program. Headed by Hank Mann, the famous Universal eccentric comedian, who is appearing in a screaming L-K-O comedy in two reels, "Under the Table." Victor Fotel, the former star of the Essanay "Snakeville" series, better known as "Slippery Slim," has joined the Universal forces, and is appearing in an Imp comedy, "By Return Mail." Eddie Lyons, Lee Moran and Miss Billie Rhodes are seen in a Nestor comedy of many funny situations, entitled, "Her Friend, the Milkman."

GENERAL WOOD WANTS TWO MILLION RESERVES

Washington, Jan. 29.—The position of the United States in a war-torn world was described to the House military committee today by Major General Leonard Wood as like that of "a ship at sea, with typhoon signals coming from many directions."

"We are living in an era of war," he said, "and gradually are accumulating most of the troubles of the world."

A regular army of 220,000 fully trained and always under arms with at least two million reserves behind them should be provided he urged to meet this situation.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Seagriff.

Sunday School at 3:00 p. m., J. G. Moss, Supt., J. B. Sparrow, Asst. Supt. and teacher of Men's Bible class.

Strangers and travelling men are cordially invited to all the services of the church.

Watching For "The" Ad!

As soon as the inclination to buy a home begins to get hold of people, they begin to read ads—and to take little trips to look over advertised properties. The real estate ads come to be heavily freighted with personal interest for them. They watch for "the ad"—the one which is to describe their future home. For they think they'll know it when they see it. And this will interest you—it is quite possible that you can write, today, an ad of property you have for sale which will be "THE AD" which someone is looking for.

OF THE TWO OWNERS WHO IS THE HAPPIER?



—Rehse in New York World.

688 MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS 5,540 PUPILS IN THE STATE

Former Superintendent of Local Schools Congratulates Washington Upon Night School Here

Raleigh, Jan. 28, 1916.
Editor Daily News,
Washington, N. C.

My dear Sir:

Several weeks ago a friend of mine in Washington wrote me a very enthusiastic letter, telling about the beginning that was being made in the night school conducted there, and requested that I make some statement concerning it through your columns. Naturally, I feel a hesitancy in complying with this request because of my non-residence.

However, I am very much delighted to know that Washington is conducting a splendid night school. I was in Washington a few days ago, and had the pleasure of conferring with Supt. Campbell about the night school work, and was delighted to hear from him that the school is well attended and that there is much in-

terest. It is very encouraging to have these reports coming to this Department about the night school work, particularly the effort on the part of many adults to learn to read and write.

It may be interesting to your readers to know that to this date, 638 moonlight schools have been organized and conducted in fifty counties in North Carolina and 1000 teachers have been at work in these schools, and that 5,540 persons have been enrolled. Reports from the other counties have not yet been received. This means, as you see, that a good start is being made in this work to reduce our adult illiteracy and place North Carolina in the column of states having the least percentage of illiteracy.

Very truly yours,
N. C. NEWBOLD.

ALLEGED MULE BEATER WAS TRIED YESTERDAY

Testimony Introduced Showed That Smith Had Pitchfork in His Hands. No one Saw Him Stick the Mule, However.

Charged with cruelty to one of his mules, W. B. Smith, of Pinetown was tried yesterday afternoon before Recorder Vaughan. Mr. Smith, according to an article which appeared in this paper a few days ago and which was sent in by a resident of Pinetown, stuck a pitchfork into the mule and injured it to such an extent that the animal died.

Among those who testified in the case yesterday were C. E. Jefferson, Asa Respass, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Stubbs.

Jefferson stated that he had seen Smith with a pitchfork but that he had gone back into his store. When asked whether he had seen Smith thrust the fork into the mule, he replied that he had not; that he had turned away so as not to see it. Harrison testified that he heard a noise in the stable at about dusk, went there and saw Smith poking at the mule with the pitchfork. He did not, however, see Smith strike the mule, nor did he see any blood on the animal's hide.

The testimony of Stubbs was to the effect that he happened to be passing Smith's stable and saw the mule with its head between two planks. He went in and told Smith's wife, as he feared the animal would choke to death.

Jefferson stated that the mule was one of the most contrary he had ever seen and would always kick when an attempt was made to bridle it. He said he never saw Smith stick a pitchfork into the animal. Smith also denied that he stuck

the animal and claimed that it died as the result of bruises and injuries due to kicking against the barn timbers.

Mr. Vaughan heard the testimony and decided not to pass sentence until Monday.

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INCORPORATING AURORA FAIR

Association Will Have Capital Stock of \$10 Shares Issued in Denominations of \$5.

A certificate of incorporation for the Aurora Agricultural Fair Association is being drawn up and the charter prepared by Stewart & Bryan of this city. The association will have a capital stock of \$10,000 and a paid in capital stock of \$300. Shares will be issued in denominations of \$5 each. The incorporators are W. H. Hooker, R. L. M. Bonner, B. H. Thompson, S. T. Wilkinson, E. L. Stewart, W. A. Thompson and others.

J. T. Wilkinson is the efficient secretary of the organization and anyone desiring to purchase stock can take the matter up with him. Local citizens are expected to interest themselves in the project in a financial way, thereby assuring its permanency, since it contributes a great deal towards the advertising of Beaufort county and Beaufort county products.

ROAD WORK HAS BEEN BIG WASTE

Resident of Chocowinity States Why People Are Dubious As to Future Work on the Roads.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 29, 1916.
Editor Daily News,
Dear Sir:

I notice that quite a lot is being said in regard to the road bond issue, but it seems that the recent road meeting held at Chocowinity, has cast a gloom over the bond project, so far as Chocowinity township is concerned. I further notice, according to an article in the Daily News of late date, that it was inferred, if not plainly asserted, that the people of Chocowinity township did not want good roads. In regard to this, I wish to state in behalf of every man in this township (who pays road tax) that not one of them is opposed to having, or doing their part in order to have better roads. I will say further, that every man who observes the present condition of roads, will tell you that they are going from bad to worse all the time in spite of revenue going into the treasury for road improvement. Of course some work has been done, but it will be seen that the very worst roads now to be found are the ones which have been worked by convicts, or county labor. Such work has been principally that of digging down or leveling clay hills, and as a result much of the roads which were hard before, have been heaped with clay, which becomes sticky, miry and almost impassable, as soon as they get wet. It is generally conceded, as a matter of course, that rainy, freezing or thawing weather takes serious effect on roads of mud or clay. However, all this goes to show that most of the work previously done has been done so unwisely or unskillfully that the roads have become even worse in consequence than if they had not been touched. A very good reason why the people over here maintain their present attitude toward road bonds, is because the present road scheme has turned out to be such a farce, and who can be sure of the success of a road bond issue?

There is no necessity for two military organizations independent of each other. The guard should be available for state use in time of peace and for the national use in times of war.

Yours very truly,
VICTOR G. WILLIAMS

Floods Make Many Homeless.

Memphis, Jan. 29.—A thousand families are homeless because of flooded Arkansas rivers. Train service in sections is suspended.

GOVERNOR CRAIG NOT IN FAVOR OF CONTINENTAL ARMY

BELIEVES THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD BUILD UP AND STRENGTHEN NATIONAL GUARD.

GIVES INTERVIEW

Does Not Believe President Is Definitely Committed to the Continental Army Plan. Nations Can Depend Upon the National Guard.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Governor Locke Craig is opposed to the continental army plan. He believes the federal government should cooperate with the states to build up the national guard and in this way the United States would soon have as large an army for defense as we will need. Governor Craig declared he did not believe that President Wilson had definitely committed himself to the continental army plan.

"You may say that I am opposed to the continental army plan, and I understand President Wilson has not endorsed this part of the general preparedness plan," said the governor. "The best policy would be for the federal government to cooperate with the states, as it is now doing, for the purpose of making effective the national guard. The guard should be used by the state government and be under state control in time of peace. The guard should be used locally for the preservation of order when the country is at peace with other countries. At the same time the guard would be an effective force, available at once for the federal government in the event of war."

"During the Spanish-American war, I believe, every North Carolina military company volunteered for service immediately upon the declaration of hostilities between this country and Spain. If the law as at present does not place the guard under the control of the federal government in time of war the statutes could be changed very easily, so as to make the state militia responsible to the federal government in case of national necessity.

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BAKER'S STUDIO OPEN TONIGHT from seven to nine o'clock.

REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Republican County Executive Committee in Washington

on Friday, February 4, at 11:00 a. m., for the purpose of calling

a county convention and the transacting of such other business as may come before the committee.

HUGH PAUL,
County Chairman.

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