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"PHOOLISH FEELINGS."

Having some of your friends from the country slap you on the back and give you the glad hand and then not be able to recall their names.

We have with us today:—"APRIL FOOL."

Things to be grateful for: That we haven't a family of children as large as the number who were assembled in Washington yesterday.

Everyone appeared to have a good time yesterday. We hope that the visitors won't wait until the next commencement before coming to see us again.

Highly dissatisfied over the action that Congress took over the suffrage question, prominent suffragists are now on the trail of Congressman Webb, who, they claim, is responsible for the defeat of their plans. Equal suffrage agitation at the present time has about as much effect on Congress as a mosquito bite on a soldier in the trenches, who expects to get shot every minute.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Our attention is often called to some omission or dereliction of duty upon the part of the police officers.

We do not object to publishing honest criticism of the officers and, in fact, believe it our place to do so, for when this criticism is given in the proper spirit it will be the means of obtaining better results and improving conditions generally.

We take no stock in lambasting the officers or any administration simply for the purpose of stirring up strife and dissension.

Again, we further realize in a town of the size of Washington that it is impossible for the number of officers now employed to be in all parts of the town at the same time.

Washington has five officers, including the Chief of Police, whose duty it is to collect the special tax and look after the court trials. This prevents the chief from being an active officer, as far as patrol work is concerned.

It will be seen that four officers do the active work of policing the town. Two of these are on at night and two at day. For two officers to patrol the city and be on each street corner to apprehend someone violating the city regulations and the criminal statutes would be impossible. There are many cases of speeding automobiles or motor cycles, riding bicycles on sidewalks, disorderly conduct, drunkenness, promiscuous shooting, looking after cows and dogs and many other calls as well as meeting all trains coming in and going out of the city and an additional watchfulness for any criminal violations. One can see that all this is a little more than the officers can accomplish.

We must admit in justice to those serving in this capacity it is an entirely different proposition from what it was twenty years ago when we hardly knew what an automobile or a motorcycle looked like, when we had one train leaving here at four o'clock in the morning and returning anywhere between eight o'clock at night and midnight, and when the open saloon was allowed to exist and the laws were quite different as to the sale of whiskey.

Furthermore, many towns of the size of Washington have one police officer for about every seven hundred to eight hundred people. According to this we should have eight or nine officers to have reasonably fair police protection compared with other cities.

But our inquiry is as to who would pay the bill. The regular police get \$60.00 per month or \$720.00 per year.

Furthermore, whenever a charge is made against the officers, if the person or persons interested will back it up with facts we feel it will be of interest to the citizens and shall be pleased to publish it, but if it is mere gossip, retaliation or dislike, it can only create dissension and false impressions which is not the policy of this paper.

THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT.

The commencement exercises of the Beaufort county schools were held in Washington yesterday. The occasion was carried out successfully in every detail. The parade was excellent, the floats showed careful preparation and the exhibits of work done in the schools during the last year were greatly admired by all who saw them.

It is evident that the county schools have progressed rapidly. The showing they made yesterday proved this fact. The teachers deserve the highest commendation for the work they have done and for the fine showing that their schools and pupils made yesterday.

An event, such as yesterday's arouses general interest in the welfare of the schools in the county. No one could help but feel proud of such a gathering of school children and the desire naturally follows to do everything possible towards making a better showing next year.

The schools are the county's most important asset. They deserve the support of every citizen. It is hoped that next year's commencement will be even larger and better than the one that was held yesterday.

The committee which had in charge the arrangements for the event attended to all details thoroughly and it is due to their efficient work that everything went off smoothly.

THE BALL LEAGUE.

A few weeks ago we heard a lot of chatter concerning the organization of an Eastern Carolina baseball league. For some considerable time we haven't heard

even a squeak concerning the matter and we are forced to believe that the plan, just as we predicted when we declined to take a hand in the affair, has fallen through. The time for the organization of a baseball league in this part of the State is not "yet" and until such a time arrives, all efforts along this line, we believe, will be wasted. -New Bern Sun Journal.

We hate to denigrate any "game" by howling," but are nevertheless forced to point out to our contemporaries that the Eastern Carolina league has not been organized, that it has already been organized, that games will be played here beginning with the first of June, that there are four teams in the league and that we will be glad to have the New Bern paper suspend publication on any day they desire and let the force come over here in a body to see some of the best ball games they have ever witnessed.

GERMAN FLEET GATHERS FOR RIGA ATTACK

Petrograd, March 31.—The spring campaign on the northern front probably will begin in earnest after the opening of the Gulf of Riga, approximately in the latter part of April. It is expected that General von Hindenburg will then have been reinforced by reserves and heavy guns.

To the German fleet is allotted an important part in the forthcoming offensive. It is now assembling at Libau, evidently in anticipation of a renewed attempt to force an entry of the gulf in connection with a land attack on the Russian Riga armies.

Watch For That Weak Spot

A COUGH OR COLD HITS IT EVERY TIME.

It May Bring on Tuberculosis—Fortify Yourself by Taking Bear's Emulsion.

How are we to keep from getting consumption if our lungs are weak? By taking good care of yourself. Never let your system get in a run-down, weak, nervous condition. Never let a cough linger on from day to day no matter how little it may bother you. Try to get rid of getting a cold and allowing it to attack one spot every time on a little exposure. Get a remedy that will build up that spot, strengthen it and make it as strong as any other part of the body. The tuberculosis germ only attacks the weak places and if we have no weak spots the germ is thrown out of the body again. Bear's Emulsion sold by Worthy & Etheridge.

It is recommended to build up the system and lungs so as to fortify us against this germ. And as I have read so many testimonials from different people of Rockingham county I believe this remedy is one of the best for a run down system and weak lungs.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage from John Watkins and wife to the undersigned dated April 27, 1912, and recorded in the Register's office of Beaufort County in Book 199, at page 22, which is hereby referred to, said Mortgage will sell at public auction for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door of Beaufort County, on Friday, April 28, 1916, at noon, that tract or parcel of land situated in Porters Township, Beaufort County, described as follows: Beginning in Mrs. A. E. Clark's line at a branch known as Deep Run, at a point where the Public Road leading from Porters to Bishop Crossing intersects said Run, and running with the Meekins boundary of said road Westwardly about 300 feet to Thomas Meekins's Southeast corner thereon with his line about North 24 West to the line of right of way of the Southern Railway; thence with the line of said state of one north to the street to the Run above referred to Mrs. A. E. Clark's line thence with her line Southwardly to the beginning, containing 20 acres more or less. Porter & Bellamy P. Co., Mortgagee.

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Some Family Tree. Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, tall, to a friend about the antiquity of his family, was told roughly that it was "a mere mushroom." "How is that?" he asked indignantly. "Why," said the other, "I was in Water a pedigree of a 'ardcular family was shown to me which filled more than five large parchment skins, and near the middle of it was a note in the margin: 'About this time the word was created.'"

ANNOUNCEMENT. To the Democratic Voters of the Second Senatorial District. I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination as one of the State Senators from this district in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held on June 3, 1916. If nominated and elected, I promise to fairly and impartially represent the wishes of the people of the district. I will pass no injurious legislation. I will give notice of all local measures in the public press, and if any citizen desires a hearing on any measure, I will guarantee that he gets one. I earnestly ask the support of all democrats. Respectfully, LINDSAY C. WARREN, Washington, N. C., March 27th, 1916. 1-27-3aw-c

COMB SAGE TEA INTO GRAY HAIR. Ladies! Try this! Darkens beautifully and nobody can tell—Brings back its gloss and thickness. Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant; remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," thus avoiding a lot of fuss. While wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared. After another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant and you appear years younger.

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