

ON WITH GREAT POPULARITY CONTEST-

Nearly TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND votes have been cast since our last issue. One contestant has passed the 10,000 mark; two the 5,000 mark and several others have made substantial gains.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

- Miss Nellie Jordan, Trinity, 1408
Bertha Luck, Seagrave, Route 2, 201
Lena Cole, Dewey, 2101
Olive Moffitt, Asheboro, Route 1, 201
Mary White, Glenola, 7477
Flora Free, Randleman, Route 2, 290
Maud Miller, Fullers, Route 1, 1184
Nettie Luther, Eleaner, 766
Miss Maude Curtis, Ramser, 4011
Maggie Albertson, Trinity, 297
Bettye Shambarger, Hills Store, 297

A DISASTROUS FIRE

FRIDAY MORNING--LOSS \$10,000

Steady Downpour of Rain and Absence of Wind Aid Citizens in Checking the Flames--Origin of the Fire Unknown

Fire broke out at 2 o'clock last Friday morning in the wooden building owned by Mr. John M. Hammer on Depot street, it rapidly spread and very soon all the wooden buildings between the brick stores of Morris-Scarboro-Moffitt Company and McDowell & Sons were consumed.

Star meat market, operated by Mr. T. B. McPherson; stocks, goods, etc., less estimated, \$500; insurance, \$200.
Morr's livery stables, operated by Mr. E. G. Morris; buggies, harness, etc., less, \$1,250; insurance, \$200.

MORE AT STAKE THAN RESOURCES.

Pinchot Says Popular Government is in Danger. Former Chief Forester Issues Statement. Reviews Recent History of Conservation Movement.

Mr. Pinchot, the deposed head of the Forestry department of the government, has recently made a statement to the public in which he makes no comment on his removal by the president.

His statement is epitomized in the following statement: "The conservation of national resources and the conservation of popular government are both at stake. The one needs conservation no less than the other."

Unless Congress acts, the water powers will pass into the hands of special interests without charge and without limit of time. So with the phosphate deposits on public lands, when the withdrawals which now protect them are removed.

The danger of bad legislation is no less serious. The special interests must no longer be allowed to take what they choose out of the great property of the people.

RULES GOVERNING BOYS' CORN CLUBS.

Detailed Instructions are Given From Raleigh. Relative to Contest--Only Boys Living on the Farm Can Compete--State Divided Into ten Districts.

As has already been announced, the Board of Agriculture at its December meeting appropriated \$500 for premiums to Boys' Corn Club contestants. The contestants are to be between the ages of 12 and 17 years.

Any boy becoming 12 years old by June first will be eligible and any boy who is now 17 but will be 18 not later than August first, will be eligible to enter the contest.

The state has been divided into ten districts as per below, and prizes aggregating \$50 will be given to the winners in each district.

GOOD ROADS ELECTION IN RANDLEMAN TOWNSHIP.

An Epoch in the History of Randolph--Practically no Opposition--208 For Good Roads--27 Against--53 Did Not Vote.

In reading over the last issue of your paper I noticed a little paragraph on the first page about half an inch long, in which the public is made acquainted with the fact that Randleman township has held an election for the purpose of voting \$50,000 in bonds for the purpose of macadamizing the roads of the township.

For one thing it means that when this money is spent Randleman township will have a network of fine graded macadam roads, about 18 miles in all, counting those in the town of Randleman which are already built.

It also means that it is only a question of time when adjoining townships and the whole county, will join the procession and follow suit.

Laymen's Day in Asheboro, Sunday, Feb. 6th 1910.

Last Friday night at a meeting of the special committee appointed by various churches of Asheboro, it was decided to devote Sunday, Feb. 6th, to the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The committee has invited Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh to make the address for this occasion. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Graded School Building at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The special committee last Friday night adopted a resolution recommending a County Laymen's Meeting to be held in Asheboro later in the spring.

Death of Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Nannie Johnson wife of Capt. Y. M. C. Johnson, departed this life Jan. 17th 1910 aged 66 years. Mrs. Johnson was one of our best known and highly esteemed ladies. She was one of the towns earliest inhabitants.

Comet Visible Last Night.

Several Asheboro people watched the heavens Tuesday night about seven o'clock to get a glimpse of the comet discovered last week. It appeared in the western part of the heavens shortly after sundown and was visible for about half an hour.

Daring Hold Up.

Four bandits, in thirty miles of St. Louis on the Missouri Pacific road on last Friday night, coolly occupied the mail and baggage cars and ran the engine off with three coaches.

The engine and the two cars with it were not located until the engineer and fireman ran the 6 miles back to it, after getting their order from the highwaymen.

E. J. Karn, of Toledo, O., one of the passengers on the train, said when he arrived in St. Louis this morning: "We heard shots and the engine stopped. The conductor came running into the car and said: 'It's a hold up, sure. Some of us stuck our heads out of the window but several bullets went whizzing by. We found it convenient to stay inside.'"

Meeting of County Board of Education.

The Chairman of the County Board of Education has called a special meeting for Monday, Feb. 7th. At that time applications for appropriation for building school-houses will be considered.

Sudden Death at Denton, N. C.

Mr. Giles Snyder, a prominent well to do farmer, died suddenly at his home in Denton on last Tuesday night. Mr. Snyder had complained of feeling badly Monday and in fact, was sitting in a chair when the sudden summons came.

Died.

Mrs. Mary Jane Cheek died at her home in Coleridge on January 21st, 1910, of Bright's disease. The deceased was fifty eight years old, and is survived by seven children, one brother and one sister.

Clair Morris, less, building, \$500 no insurance.

W. J. Armfield, Jr., loss, small building; no insurance. McDowell & Sons, injury to building not estimated partially covered by insurance.

Wood & Moring, injury to building and stock goods, \$500; covered by insurance. The big store of Wood & Moring was saved by the heroic work of the citizens, in which Captain Smith, the railroad section master, took a prominent part.

By good fortune Mr. R. R. Ross had shipped all his stock south and there was very little in his stables, except some buggies and harness. Mr. E. G. Morris had 11 horses in his stables, which were saved by his colored driver.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The Asheboro Telephone Company; central office was completely destroyed. Arrangements were made early in the forenoon of the next day in the second story of the Morris-Scarboro-Moffitt Co. store to commence with all out of town connections.

Several phones were put up connecting with each, a new switch board was ordered and it came here by express this week and before our readers see this paper every phone in the system and connection will be in operation. By far the greatest loser was John M. Hammer, while the building was of wood yet it was a large one with fifty feet front on Depot and Trade streets, the livery and sales stables being in the rear on Trade Street and was occupied by R. R. Ross, who erected the entire building only a few years ago. He sold the property to Mr. Hammer only a few months ago.

To Assist in Meeting at Randleman.

Evangelist W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, N. C., will assist Rev. J. D. Bowen in a meeting with the Baptist church at Randleman, N. C., beginning next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Rev. Bradshaw is the general evangelist of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He has been used of God in a most signal manner in winning sinners to the Saviour. All who possibly can should hear him. The public is hereby cordially invited to all of these services.

Woman Jailed for Selling Liquor.

Laura Simpson, an old offender who has served a sentence before, was convicted last week in three cases for selling liquor at Albemarle, Stanley county. She operated near Cottonville not far from the Anson line. The evidence was that she ran a joint at which liquor was sold on Sunday or Monday. She was given 12 months in jail and required to appear under bond two years from expiration of sentence and show good behavior from term to term.

Prohibition For South Carolina.

At a caucus of prohibitionists of South Carolina it was decided to put state-wide prohibition bills in both the House and Senate during the present session.

Mr. Hunter, who is professor in chemistry in a college in Alabama, spent Sunday in Asheboro. Mr. Hunter has been visiting relatives in Davidson county.

Calls for Assistance.

The former forester then calls upon every "man of good will" to make it clear to his representatives in Congress his firm intention to hold them personally responsible for safeguarding "the rights and property of the people."

Great Moral Issue.

"It is a tremendous moral issue, far greater than any man's personal feelings or personal fortunes. It lies between the people and their representatives on one side, and the interests and their representatives on the other; between progress and reaction; between special privilege and a square deal. I repeat that the supreme test is the welfare of the plain people. It is time to apply it."

The Districts.

- First district--Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrel, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico.
Second district--Gates Hertford, Bertie, Martin Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Wilson, Warren.
Third district--Pitt, Green, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven, Jones, Carteret, Onslow, Duplin, Pender.
Fourth district--Vance, Granville, Durham, Franklin, Nash, Johnston, Wake, Chatham, Lee.
Fifth district--Person, Orange, Caswell, Alamance, Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson.
Sixth district--New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Sampson, Robeson, Cumberland, Harnett.
Seventh district--Scotland, Anson, Moore, Richmond, Montgomery, Stanly, Union, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg.
Eighth district--Surry, Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancy.
Ninth district--Yadkin, Davie, Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk.
Tenth district--Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, Cherokee.

Death of A. L. Mendenhall

Rev. A. L. Mendenhall died last Friday night at the home of his son E. E. Mendenhall, No. 310 Murray street, Greensboro, N. C. He had been in poor health a number of years and had been confined to his room for the past nine months.

The Decedent was 73 years old and is survived by his wife and three sons; Messrs L. D. Mendenhall of Randleman, and E. E. and P. A. Mendenhall, of Greensboro, and two nephews; W. D. and J. R. Mendenhall of Greensboro.

The deceased was, for a number of years, a pastor in the Friends church, but several years ago he joined the M. E. church and though never actively engaged in the ministry, he had been fully ordained as a Methodist minister. About fifty years ago he taught in the Greensboro Graded Schools. He was afterwards principal of the school at Scotland Neck for a short time but soon returned to Greensboro and later moved to Randleman where he lived for some "fteen years. For the last three or four years he had made his home with his son, Mr. E. E. Mendenhall at Greensboro.

A. C. Ray has moved to Pittsboro from Dillon S. C. and has engaged in saw milling near Pittsboro. He formerly lived in Montgomery county.