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ON WITH GREAT POPULARITY GONTEST- A DISASTROUS FIRE

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. Eight new names have been added to the list, and a large vote is expected from now on DON'T BE timid or bashful about asking people to subscribe for THE COURIER and DON'T put it off, but go right out and sak them TODAY. Make special efforts to secure new subscribers; they are just as easy as renewals, and DON'T allow yourself to become discouraged. You still have four days to work for the FREE TRIP to New Orleans, and THE COURIER is anxious to see just how many votes ou can secure in that time. RIER is anxious to see just how many votes you can secure in that time.

LIST, OF CONTESTANTS.

Miss Nellie Jordan, Trinity.

Bertha Luck, Seagrove, Route 2.

Lena Cole, Dewey.

Olive Moffitt, Asheboro, Route 1,

Mary White, Glenola,

Fleta Free, Handleman, Route 2,

Maud Miller, Fullers, Route 1,

Nettie Luther, Eleaser,

Miss Maude Curtis, Ramseur

Maggie Albertson, Trinity,

Bettye Shamburger, Hills Store,

Mrs. W. P. White, Ramseur,

Emms Coltrane, Glenola,

Mrs. W. F. White, Ramseur,

"Emma Coltrane, Gleuola,
Miss Lola Trogdon, Asheboro, Route 1,

"Ida Cox, Ralph,
Emma Pierce, Seagrove.

Effie Pressell, Mitchfield,
Linnie Dorsett, Farmer,

Effie Harvell, Abner,
Nannie Hill, Rachel,
Mrs. M. B. Goins, Trinity.
Miss Lydia Lvestier, Lassiter,

Estelle Cranford, Archdale,
Mand Fonshee, Staley,
Melia Frazier, Franklinville,
Cora Vuncanson, Saagrove,
Moleta Yow, Central Falls,
Mary Smart, Franklinville
Lizzie Cameroa, Liberty
Bess Farmer, Randleman

Margaret Slack, Seagrove, N. C. Route 1,
Alice Burgess, Ramseur, N. C.

Hattie Luck, Seagrove Route 2,

Myrile Pugh, Asheboro, Route 1,

Ruhannah Coltrane Randleman,
Myrle Johnson, Worthville,
Stella Kelly, Troy,
Hazel Stanton, Randleman, Route 1,

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 met in the dining-hall of the Central Hotels and after a thorough discussion of the subject it was all control of the control of the control of the subject it was all control of the contro and after a thorough discussion of the subjectit was the general opin-ion that a rally would be of benefit to the people of Asheboro. A spec ial committee was appointed to ar range a pregram, secure a speaker, and make other necessary arrange-

death, The quartette then disap-peared into the woods.

The stranded passenger coaches, three in number, lay on the main line until 2 o'clock next morning, when they, together with the engine and baggage and express cars, were brought into St. Louis by a freight train. The committee has invited Mr. J The committee has invited Mr. J. W. Beiley, 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 forencon. It is expected that the various churches of the town will suspend their regular services and co operate in this effort to arouse missionary interest among the church member

The special committee last Friday night adopted a resolution recommending a County Laymen's Meeting to be held in Asheboro later in the Spring. Definite plans for this Convention will be presented to the union service Feb. 6th. This County convention will be similar to the State Convention recently held in Greensboro. Greensboro.

Death of Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Namie 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 carliest inhabitants. With her husband she conducted the Ramsuer Hotel in which capacity she was was so cheerwas so cheerthan one-tenth of the total annual
conty school fund for building purposes. This being the case the
Board desires to consider all applications at the same time.

She was a model mother, a loving and devoted wife, a kind and generous neighbor, a true and noble woman. Truely a daughter of Israel has been taken from our community and the church. May God in his infinite amily.

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of Wind Aid Citizens in Checking the Flames--Origin of The Fire Unknown

Fire broke out at 2 o'clock last Friday meraing in the wooden buildowned by Mr. John M. Hammer on Depot street, it rapidly spread and very soon all th wooden buildings between the brick stores of Morris. Scarboro-Moffitt Company and McDowell & Sors were consumed, with losses as follows:

Star meat market, op rated by Mr. T. B. McPherson; stocks, goods, etc., less estimated, \$500; insurance,

Morr's livery stables, operated by Morr s livery statics, op raced by Mr. E. G. Morris; buggi-s, herness, etc., loss, \$1,250; insorance, \$200. Lewis' resturant, operated by Mr. J. F. Lewis; small stock groceres,

etc., loss, \$300; no insurance.

Mentrovius Bres., candy kitchen, fraits, etc., less. \$1,000; insurance,

O'Briant's Pr ssing Club, loss \$200; no insurance.
Ross Sale Stables, op ra ed by Mr.
R. R. Ross; loss*, \$300; no insur-

Alex Underwood, grocery store, loss, \$650; insurance, \$300

Asheber: Telephone Exchange, operated by Mr. E. G. Morris, man

ager; less, \$800; instrance, \$250, J. D. Simpson, stock goods, i \$250; no its rance.

John M. Hammer, less building, \$3,000; insurance, \$500. John B. Wart, less building, \$400; no insurance. Claud 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 buildand stock goods, \$500; covered by

coaces. After runing the maliciers's and express measeigers out of the cars, the robbers took the engine and mail and express cars six miles away where they went through them and took valuables in mail. After runing the engine and cars the six miles the water was let out of the

The big store of Wood & Moring as aved by the heroic work of the citizens, in which Captain Smith, the railroad section mester, took a prominent part. Had this building burned, several other buildings would have been destroyed and it would have been the biggest fire in the history of the city.

miles, the water was let out of the boiler and the engineer and fireman were ordered to walk east for 15 minutes under threat of instant death, The quartette then disap-respect into the woods.

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the history of the city.

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 calculations.

his colored driver.

The fact that there was a steady

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 passangers on the train, said downpour of rain and very little wind during the fire, enabled the citizens to check the fire and the new postoffice building, as well as others in the neighborhood, were

The origin of the fire is unknown, The Asheboro Telphone Com-pany; central office was completely "We heard shots and the en gine 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." 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 con-

Several phones were put up cor-necting with each, a new switch board was ordered and it came here

Comet Visible Last Night.

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

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Sincerely yours, I have been used on the summon and was visible for about half an hour.

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MORE AT STAKE THAN RE-SOURCES.

Pinchot Says Popular Government is In Danger. Former Chief Forester Issues Statement. Reviews Recent History of FRIDAY MORNING-LOSS \$10,000 Conservation Movement.

Mr. Pincho, 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 conser ation of national resources and the conservation of popular government are both at stake.

The one needs conservation no less than the other."

Will Go To Special Interests.

Unless Congress act, 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 when the withdrawals which now protect them are removed. So with the enormously valuable coal de-posits in Alaska which the present law would sell for \$10 an acre.

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. Those who steal public lands steal homes from mer and women who need from men and women who need them. Congress can stop the pillage or Congress can let it go on.

The Two Great Projects.

In the absence of proper action In the absence of proper action two great conservation plans for the public welfare may fail. The first is the control of water powers on navigable streams in the public interest. The second is the construction of the deep waterway from the great lakes to the gulf.

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great takes to the gulf.

"The unanimous opinion of the Mississippi Valley recognizes this waterway as a commercial necessity. It believes, with reason, that the cost, which is already officially known will be trivial when compared with the benefits conferred, Transportation facilities create traffic. The failure to develop our waterways, together with adequate terminary. ways, together with adequate terminals and connections by rail. leaves to the railroads a complete monopoly of transportation in the Mississippi Valley."

Calls for Assistance

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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,"

In such action, says Mr. Pinchot, lies the remedy.

"The first great immediate danger is that the water powers will be lost; the second that the coal lands will be lost," the statement concludes, "out those specific dangers of public loss are merely parts of the great issue between the special interests and the ress of us. The issue is whether this country shall be managed by men for human welfare, or by money for profit.

Great Moral Issue.

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"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 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 build-

Laura Simpson, an old effender 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 yeers from expiration of sentence and show good benavior from term to

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

All who possibly can him. The public is lially invited to all of spent Sunday in Asheboro. Mr. Hunter has been visiting relatives in Hunter has been visiting relatives in Hunter has been visiting relatives in Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, J. D. Bowes, Paston. Davidson county.

CLUBS.

Detailed Instructions are Given Fron Raieigh Relative to Contest-Only Boys Living on the Farm Can Com-pete--State Divided Into ten Districts.

As has already been announced, the Board of Agriculture at its the contest. The rules governing the contest will be about as they were last year, except that any boy will be permitted to get any person to break his land for him. I do this for one thing it means that when the contest will be about as they were last year, except that any boy will be permitted to get any person to to treak his land for him. I do this because the younger boys are not heavy enough to handle a large two horse in heavy land, but after the land is broken each boy must do to the termainder of the work himself. If it is known that any boy permitted and is broken untill all cultivation is finished, he will be ruled out of the contest. Only \$10 worth of commersial fertilizer may be used on each are. The plat of land must be a full acre. The plat of land must not be less than a half acre in width. Square plate are preferred. Only boys living on the farm can compet for three prizes. The plat of land must be a part of some regular field in the farm, and compet for three prizes.

The plat of land must be a part of some regular field in the farm, and mot a garden spot or town lot, or a plat belonging to some city or other corporation. Cotton seed, Cotton seed meal, city garcage, fish or fish scrap will be considered as commercial fertilizers.

The state has been divided into the winters in each district. First prize, \$25; second prize, \$15; third prize, \$10. I shall ask the County Superintendents of public Instruction to co-operate with me in this work, so as to get the most boys possible to enter the contest. The state last year was 57 bushels per acre. With a record like that every enterprizing citizen should encourage the movement. The boys who succeeds ln growing a large group into a man who will asset grow large crops. We want a hundred or more boys in each county to enter the contest. Application blanks and other literature will be ready in a few weeks, but the boys can begin work now and send in their applications later. Blanks, etc., will be sent to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in each of the contest. Applications later. Blanks, etc., will be sent to the Superintendent of provider the cou

county, or direct to boys applying for them. Mr. I. O. Schaub, of the A. & M. College, is co-operating with me in the Boys' Corn Clubs, and between us we hope visit Boys' Club meetings in quite a number of counties in the state. Letters of the property of for explication blanks. inquiry or for application blanks should be addressed to the under-

T. B. Parker, Demonstrator, Raleigh, N. C. The Districts.

First district-Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrel, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico

Second district-Gates Hertford,

Bertie, Martin Northampton, Hali-fax, Edgecombe, Wilson, Warren. Third district-Pitt, Green, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven, Jones, Car-

teret, Onslow, Duplin, Pender.

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Eighth district—Surry, Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell.
Burke, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancy.
Ninth district—Yadkin, Davie, Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Lincoln, Gastov, Cleveland, Rutherford,

RULES GOVERNING BOYS' CORN GOOD ROADS ELECTION IN RANDLEMAN TOWNSHIP.

An Epoch In the History of Randolph-Practically no Opposition--203 For Good Roads--27 Agasust--53Did Not Vote. Mr. Editor:

In reading over the last issue of 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 leter than August first, will be eligible to enter the contest will be about as they were last year, except that any boy will

raised against the Bond issue as the best plan to get them cheaply and quickly, and as I said before it is only a question of a few short years when this entire section will be honey-combed with a net work of good roads connecting up our uplying remote section with fine roads to market, for the products, and raw materials of this grand County the resources of which are almost untouched. touched.

This I believe to be the opinion of a great many others as well as CITIZEN.

Death of A. L. Mendewhall

Rev. A. L. Mendenhall died last Friday night at the home of his son E. E. Mendenhall, No. 310 Murray street, Greensbore, N. C. He had street, Greensbor, 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 deceased was 73 years old and is survived by his wife and three sons; Mesers L. D. Menden-Fourth district—Vance, Gran-ille, Durham, Franklin, Nash, obnaston, Wake, Chatham, Lee.

Mendenhall, of Greensboro, and two nephews; W. D. and J. R. Mendenhall of Greensboro.

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.

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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.