

### Special March Prizes

Lady's Watch, Mission Clock, Silver Spoons—Date of Closing Contest.

We are going to offer the following special prizes for the month of March:

To the person securing the largest number of subscriptions, we will give either a lady's or gentleman's watch. For the second largest number, we will give a mission clock worth \$15, and for the third largest number we will give either one set of table-spoons or two sets of teaspoons.

Get in the race now for one of these March prizes.

At the request of some of the contestants, we have decided to postpone the time of closing the Popularity Contest to Tuesday, May 31st. This will give every one a fair and equal chance to win one of the Grand Prizes.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Mr. A. B. Coltrane, Glenora	46,665
Miss Moleta Yow, Central Falls	40,289
Miss Mary White, Glenora	22,858
Miss Lizzie Cameron, Liberty	12,361
Miss Nellie Jordan, Trinity	7,731
Miss Beattie Farmer, Randleman	7,122
Miss Waud Currie, Randleman	5,901
Miss Elsie Frazier, Trinity	5,419
Miss Betty Shambarger, Hills Store	5,239
Miss Myrtle Johnson, Worthville	4,976
Miss Lena Cole, Dewey	4,951
Miss Alice Burgess, Randleman	3,974
Miss Bertha Luck, Seagrave, Route 2	2,901
Miss Waud Miller, Fuller, Route 1	2,531
Miss Waud Frazier, Trinity	2,200
Miss Stella Kelly, Troy	2,200
Miss Maggie Albersohn, Trinity	2,020
Miss Emma Pierce, Seagrave	2,000
Miss Mary Stuart, Franklinville	1,800
Miss Cora Yuncannon, Seagrave	1,402
Miss Elsie Harrell, Abner	1,140
Miss Ida Cox, Raleigh	1,001
Miss Nellie Frazier, Franklinville	951
Miss Myrtle Pugh, Asheboro, Route 1	800
Miss Lydia Lassiter, Lassiter	613
Miss Linnie Gossett, Farmer	419
Miss Nannie Hill, Rachel	405
Miss Lola Trindon, Asheboro, Route 1	404
Miss Mammie Ellis, Millboro	400

### Taft "Causes a Blue Streak."

"Shaw is a damned traitor, an ingrate, and he shall not practice before the executive department while I am President, is the way Mr. Taft is said to have answered Senators Overman and Simmons and Representative Page when they called on him in behalf of W. C. Shaw, former law officer of the forestry bureau.

This declaration was made several days ago, in the White House reception room, in the presence of a number of callers. The North Carolinians have not referred to the matter in private conversation, but somebody else talked and The Washington Herald of Friday carried a story that set thousands of tongues wagging.

President Taft made the air blue with profanity at the suggestion of the Tar Heels. He swore so, it is said by those who stood around, that hardened Congressmen ducked their heads. He talked as if he thought that Shaw had more to do with the controversy than any one of the Pinchot-Glavis Shaw trio. One thing certain the North Carolinians are not going to desert Shaw until they exhaust every resource. They tried to suppress the story of the White House incident, believing that Shaw would come nearer getting his rights by a still hunt, but they failed and the fat is in the fire.

Mr. C. H. Hancock, who died at his home in Greensboro last month, aged 68 years, will be remembered by many people in Randolph where he formerly lived in New Hope township where he married Miss Cynthia Lassiter, daughter of the late Micajah Lassiter. He moved to Guilford some 23 years ago where he lived on a farm until three years ago when he moved to Greensboro. He was a member in good standing of Masonic Lodge, No. 404 at Farmer, Randolph county.

Mr. Hancock is survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters. The children, all of whom were with their father when the end came, are Messrs. John B. Hancock, of Dallas, Tex.; Austin F. Hancock, of New York; E. P. Hancock, who resides north of this city; Mrs. N. L. Hanner, of San Jose, Cal.; and Mrs. Charles E. Pugh, of this city.

Asheboro should have a bakery. There is a good opening for a live man or woman with small capital and experience to establish something that will be useful and at the same time be profitable to the investor.

The recent report of the State Corporation Commission shows the condition of the State banks to be excellent. The resources are more than fifty-seven million dollars. There are considerable gains along all lines over last year.

### CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING.

March 12th National Civic League Day.

There will be a meeting of the Civic League on Saturday March 12th at 3 p. m. at the Graded School Building, to which everybody is invited. This is National Civic League Day and it is an opportune time for the members of the Civic League of Asheboro to get together and make plans for the work for the summer. Chairmen of different committees will be expected to make reports. Asheboro can be made a beautiful town and by some interest and a little work there will be wonderful improvement. Below we print committees:

Executive Committee:—W. C. Hammond, H. M. Worth, W. P. Wood, John Hammer, Mrs. Herbert Moffitt, Miss Lucy Crowson, Mrs. W. A. Coffin, Miss May McAlister.

Library Committee:—Rev. C. A. Wood, W. C. Hammer, O. V. Wootley, Miss Agnes Moring, Miss Nannie Bulla, Mrs. J. D. Ross.

Hospital Committee:—Mrs. H. M. Worth, W. J. Armfield.

Street Committee:—Miss Annie Blair, chairman; Messdames M. C. Spoon, Penn, W. D. Stedman, Misses Esther Auman, Essie Ross, Juanita Redding.

Sanitary Committee:—Miss Julia Thorne, chairman; Messdames M. L. Davis, Sherman Ridge, J. W. Hadley, J. O. Redding, W. F. McDowell, A. C. McAlister, Misses Alma Free, Agnes Moring.

Cemetery Committee:—Mrs. U. S. Hayes, chairman; Messdames Annie Robins, W. A. Underwood, E. Winslow, Claude Hayworth, Misses Edith Hendricks, Julia Thorne.

Forestry Committee:—Mrs. W. H. Moring, chairman; Messdames C. C. Cranford, E. H. Morris, B. I. Dickens, W. C. Hammond.

Public Grounds and Parks Committee:—Mrs. John T. Moffitt, chairman; Messdames Henry Martin, Chas. Cranford, Stephen Hayworth, J. V. Hunter, John M. Hammer, E. G. Morris, Annie Robins.

Public Buildings Committee:—Mrs. E. E. Kephart, chairman; Messdames M. W. Parrish, D. B. McCrary, H. M. Worth, Baxter Rich, Charlie Cranford, Miss Lura White.

Prof. O. V. Wootley, Supt. Boys Dept., Mrs. H. M. Worth, Supt. Girls' Dept.

### J. A. Giles to be Postmaster at Durham.

The press dispatches indicate that J. A. Giles will be appointed postmaster at Durham, N. C. Mr. Giles is an old Randolph boy having been born and reared on the farm near Central Falls, in this county and is a son of Rev. J. A. Giles, a minister of the M. P. church, now living we believe in the Ore Hill section of Chatham county. Mr. Giles, who is a lawyer, has been assistant district attorney for the Eastern district of the State for several years and, it is said, will be recommended by Congressman Morehead which is equivalent to an appointment, Durham being in his district.

### Mr. Humble Loses an Arm.

Mr. Millard Humble, a saw mill man living five miles South east of Asheboro, in the Richland section, had the misfortune to have his left arm cut off while operating his mill last Thursday afternoon. Dr. Fox responded to a hurry call and went down and attended him. His arm was cut off just below the elbow. Mr. Humble is a son of Mrs. Matilda Humble a widow lady and is a hard working young man and is to be pitied because of his great misfortune.

### Death of Osborn Graves.

Osborn Graves, who has many relatives and friends in Randolph county, died at his home in Indiana Tuesday, March 1st. Mr. Graves left the county immediately after the war and went west, where he made his home and accumulated a large fortune. Mr. Graves frequently visited the old home and occasionally some of his children visited here. He was expected here soon to spend the spring and early summer months with relatives in this section.

Emma Walker a negro woman was sentenced to the penitentiary last Saturday in Guilford County for ten years, for shooting another negro girl by the name of Jessie Oritts.

Robbers entered the store building of J. W. Farris in west Lexington one night last week and took therefrom a lot of merchandise. There is a clue to the robbers but no arrest has yet been made.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUBS.

Prizes Have Been Arranged for Boys and Girls. Agricultural Exhibit in Fall. All Boys Under Twenty Years Old and all Unmarried Women are Eligible to Enter.

That the Young People's Farm Life Club-work is assuming gigantic proportions is evidenced by the fact that over 100 boys in the county have already signified their intention of entering the boys' corn-growing contest. Several girls have joined the girls' poultry and canning clubs also. To aid in this work the merchants of Asheboro have offered valuable prizes to be given for the best yields of corn and the best display of poultry and also canned goods. Plans are on foot for an agricultural exhibit to be held in Asheboro some time in November. At this time there will be an exhibit of all the products grown by these young people. Boys will have exhibits of their corn and girls can exhibit samples of their poultry and canned goods. The prizes have not all been arranged yet, but the following prizes may be announced now:

### BOYS' CORN CLUBS.

First, second and third prizes of articles valued at \$25, \$15 and \$10 each will be given for the highest yields of corn on an acre of land by boys under twenty years old.

Also, first, second and third prizes of articles valued at the same prices as the above will be given for the greatest profits on acres of land by boys.

To the contest in this county all boys in the county under twenty years old will be admitted. A boy entering the county contest also enters the State contest and has the opportunity of contesting for the three State prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for the highest yield of corn on an acre of land in the Fifth Agricultural District. This district comprises Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, Forsyth and other adjoining counties. Also any boy living within ten miles of Liberty has the opportunity of competing for the prizes offered by the Liberty Industrial Club, announcement of which was made in last week's paper.

### GIRLS' POULTRY AND CANNING CLUBS.

The prizes for girls have not yet been arranged in such shape as to be published. It is expected to give prizes valued at \$50 for the best displays of poultry and also of canned goods. Of course it is expected that these goods are to be on exhibition at the County Fair next Fall. Any one desiring to enter this contest should notify me at the earliest date possible. Complete directions will be issued as soon as the prizes and rules can be arranged.

All boys and girls living within ten miles of Liberty should either notify Dr. J. D. Gregg, Liberty, or write to me for suggestions and application blanks. It is expected that all boys and girls who enter these contests will sign application blanks and work under rules and regulations made by the Agricultural Association. Bulletins, rules, regulations, application blanks etc. may be obtained by applying either by letter or in person to my office.

E. J. COLTRANE, County Superintendent.

### THOS. C. PLATT DEAD.

Sudden End of New York's One Time "Easy Boss."

New York, March 6.—Thomas Collier Platt, formerly United States Senator from New York, and for many years a national figure in Republican politics, died at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Abels on West Eleventh street, from whom he had rented three rooms for the last four years. Mrs. Abels had been his nurse.

Dr. Paul Anterbrige, his physician, said tonight that the cause of death was chronic and acute Bright's disease. The body was removed to-night to the home of Frank H. Platt, his son and will be taken on Tuesday to Owego, New York, the Senator's birthplace, where it will be buried. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Presbyterian church in Owego.

The Southern railway will build a brick and steel boiler factory at Spenser, at a cost of \$175,000. This will about double the boiler force and output and necessitate an addition of 500 horse power to the power plant.

### Prominent Indianapolis Man Dead.

Mr. L. D. Moody died at his home in Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 28th. He has many friends in North Carolina who will be sorry to learn of his death. He was born in Moore county near Christian Union Church. When the plank road was surveyed he carried a chain and was given \$1 by Dr. Worth. He often said this was the biggest dollar he ever owned. He and his brother owned a stock of merchandises at Gray's Cross Roads, Randolph county in the fifties. In 1860 he married Miss Mary Nixon, daughter of Dr. Nixon, a prominent physician of this county. They started for Indiana immediately after their marriage, going through the country in a buggy all the way. For a number of years Mr. Moody taught school and then engaged in the insurance business, in which he remained, having accumulated considerable property. He was prominent in social and business affairs in Indianapolis and the state of Indiana. His love for democracy and the South never wavered. He was honest, brave and true, a good man and had wonderful intellect. He was about seventy years old and leaves a wife, one daughter, Mrs. Henry W. Palmer, of New York City, and one son, Mr. Arthur Moody, who is a druggist in Manila, Philippine Islands.

### Seed Corn Days For Southern Randolph.

Two seed corn days have been arranged for the lower half of Randolph county. The first will be held at Sileoh school house on Friday, March 18th and the second the following day, March 19th at Why Not. Capt. T. B. Parker, of Raleigh, and Messrs. S. E. Coble and J. H. Kearna, demonstrators for the county will be present to help in the selection of seed corn and to discuss any topics connected with farm work. All boys who are interested in corn clubs should also be present. Mr. Parker is particularly interested in boys' corn contests.

The meeting in each place will be opened in the forenoon. Every farmer is invited to attend these meetings. Also girls and boys are invited. Teachers should be present with their schools.

In order to make thorough tests farmers should bring 30 or 40 ears of corn. Prizes will be given for best specimens of seed corn. Farmers should come early and be prepared to spend the day.

### Mr. Brady Commits Suicide.

Mr. W. A. P. Brady, who lived in the Kretz community in this county, hanged himself on last Saturday morning about 7:30 o'clock at his home in Brower township. He went to the barn and went into the hay mow where he secured a rope or bridle rein with which he hanged himself. He was 62 years of age and was a school committeeman of his district and was at the school breaking the afternoon before at Antioch school and signed the voucher for the teacher. There were no indications of any weakness in his mind or mental abrasion at any time before his death. His health had not been good for some time and he had some little financial trouble. He was buried at the Mt. Olivet cemetery. He leaves two brothers and seven children all of whom are boys. He has been for many years an influential member of the church. He left no communication to any one. No foul play is suspected and his unfortunate demise is difficult to account for.

### Mr. Robinson To Speak.

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson, of Syracuse, N. Y., will speak in the M. P. church in Asheboro, Thursday evening March 17th. The Barcos classes of the M. E. and M. P. churches have arranged for Mr. Robinson to speak here, and all are invited to be present. His talk will not be limited to any particular phase of the Sunday school work, and we think that every one should avail themselves of this opportunity to hear something good along general Sunday school work lines.

### Miss Bulla's Social.

The music pupils of Miss Nannie Bulla gave their Mid-Winter Recital Friday evening in the auditorium of the graded school building. The program was varied and interesting and well rendered reflecting great credit on both pupils and teacher.

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### Randleman News.

Mr. Robert Lutterloh, of Burlington, is the guest of Dr. Fox this week.

Mr. David Bullard, of High Point, was in Randleman Sunday. Misses Margie Slack, Juanita Redding, Mammie Bulla, and Messrs. Rob Ferree and Robert Swaim visited in Asheboro last Sunday.

Joe Brown left Monday for Biscoe. Thomas Swaim who spent the winter in Tennessee returned to Randleman last week.

Mr. Bud Scott has moved to Lexington.

Messrs. Arch Gaster, Bascom Jarrell, J. W. Parker, Will Brown and Mrs. A. P. Gaster and Miss Mary Cooper attended the funeral of Rev. W. H. Roach at High Point last Friday.

Mr. J. T. Steed is very ill at his home here.

Mr. A. C. Millikan who is quite ill does not improve.

Miss Mary Cooper is visiting her brother, Joe Cooper, at Greensboro.

Mr. Charles Brown, who has been confined to his room with grip, is so far improved as to resume his work at the drug store.

Mr. Marvin Diehs had the misfortune to get badly hurt by the fall of his livery stable door last Monday.

Mr. Percy Clapp, who has been traveling for some time, is at home.

Mr. Z. N. Lamb is the new mail carrier from the depot to the post-office.

Mr. T. N. Slack, of Franklinville, was in Randleman Monday on business.

Mr. G. W. Elliott and Miss Wall are in Baltimore purchasing Mr. Elliott's spring stock of millinery.

Rev. G. E. Eaves, who has been away for some time, has returned and preached a very fine sermon at Naomi Sunday evening.

### The Good Roads Bonds Safe.

There is absolutely no doubt as to the result of the bond election in Asheboro next Tuesday. The victory will be overwhelmingly for good roads.

Asheboro township must have good roads and there are two ways of getting them. One is by bonds, the other is by direct taxation. By issuing bonds the improvements will be so great as really not to add to the taxes. If, peradventure, the bonds fail the people will demand the levy of a tax to macadamize the roads which will lay a heavy burden on the taxpayers in town as well as in the country.

There is no getting round the question, the people of this township are determined to have good roads, and while we do not like to leave the debt to posterity to pay, yet the burden is too heavy for us and the great improvements brought about will enable those who follow us to pay the expense without realizing the burden.

### The Halifax Tragedy.

One day last week while State Senator E. L. Travis, Assemblyman R. W. Kitchin and Chief of Police Dunn were walking on the streets of Scotland Neck, one E. E. Powell met them saying to Mr. Travis, why did you not answer the letter I wrote you, whereupon Mr. Kitchin seeing Powell was excited spoke kindly to him asking him not to be angry. Powell drew his pistol and shot Kitchin down, the ball entering his face. Then Travis was shot in the mouth and six teeth shot out and his tongue split open by the bullet. Then a third shot inflicted a wound in the lung of Mr. Dunn, who died from the effects of the wound.

It appears that Mr. Powell had written Mr. Travis a letter about appearing for his son. Mr. Travis did not answer the letter because he did not receive it. He appeared in the case against Mr. Powell's son.

Powell was evidently drunk or crazy, although specialists say that he was neither drunk nor crazy. Powell is in the state prison for safe keeping.

On last Saturday in the city of Charlotte there was snatched from a lady by a negro a purse containing several dollars in money. The lady was snatched into a ditch by the negro man. A young white girl in another part of the city was also robbed by a negro man of a purse containing ten dollars. This was all done in the broad daylight.

Mr. Max L. Barker, of Salisbury, was in Asheboro yesterday on business.

### Fighting for Life.

The long dominant Republican party is at last fighting for life.

John Temple Graves, who went from Atlanta to New York and in going renounced his politics, which hadn't been very steady for many years. He has not supported the Democratic party for many years. But Mr. Graves is an intelligent man and can see the trend of affairs, and is too honest to conceal the truth when he says:

"Nothing in the Heavens above or in the earth beneath or in the waters under the earth can save the republican party now, except it be Theodore Roosevelt.

This is the consensus of opinion among that limited number of American statesmen who are willing to talk, and even this impression, absolutely unanimous and evidently sincere, is imparted in confidence and under the strict injunction that no names are to be used.

This is the period in our country's history when every man is afraid of his shadow or of the sound of his voice. After all the great game at Washington is politics rather than business of the country.

Interest in economic measures is in eclipse. The federal incorporation law is practically abandoned. The publicity of corporation returns excites only a languid interest. Nobody appears to be especially excited over the interstate commerce measures which will probably pass with an amendment. The conservation measure seems assured, and notwithstanding Bailey's really great speech in opposition, the postal savings bank may receive a tranquil majority in the senate.

From the turret to foundation stone this capitol of our country is alive and astir to the presidential politics of 1912, and the centre of national interest is for a time transferred from Washington to an indefinite point in Egypt where the correspondents of the world's newspapers are to meet a bronzed and bearded hunter, carrying the pelts of a thousand wild animals in his train.

If any man doubts that there is political revolution afoot in this country, he has only to stand here at the center and catch the stories that are aloft in the winds and burning the wires of the country.

Nearly every republican in the sixty first congress is exhausting his political influence in the endeavor to be put on the committee to welcome a distinguished American on his return to New York.

And the average republican in both houses is in the attitude of being flat on his belly with his hand on his ear and his ear to the ground listening to the echoes of public opinion from home, and for the first tread of the lion hunter returning from Africa by way of the courts and capitals of the Old World.

It is a condition without a parallel in the history of politics in this or any other country.

For the long dominant republican party is at bay and fighting for its life.

Roosevelt will try to rescue and restore the Taft administration.

### Polk Miller Quartette.

Upon one memorable occasion Polk Miller traveled to Boston with the "Old South" quartette of negro factory hands, which will be with him at the concert to be given here on March 12. It was rather an odd sight—a gray-coated Confederate veteran in the hotbed of abolition, with a bunch of the genuine, "niggers" who had been allowed none of the educational milling then so ardently desired by the Northern reformers. But Polk Miller's abilities as an entertainer withstood even this crucial test and he came off with this from the Boston Transcript, one of the most critical journals in the country:

"At Chickering Hall last evening Mr. Polk Miller and his quartette of negroes appeared for the first time in public in Boston, although he has already been heard here at private residences and clubs. The entertainment, which is called "Old Times Down South," is not like anything in the amusement line which has been given here before. The negro quartette is not composed of trained singers, but of men whom Mr. Miller selected because they could sing. Their singing was most enjoyable."

It is estimated that a dollar's worth of electricity will drive a sewing machine five hundred hours.