

Judge Clark said, in part: There was a radical difference between the convention that met here in 1776 and made the great Declaration, and the convention which framed the Constitution in 1787.

The convention of 1787 was reactionary. It sat with closed doors. Its journal narrowly escaped a vote that it should be destroyed. It was only published after a lapse of forty-nine years.

Of the three great departments—Executive, Legislative and Judicial, the Constitution gave to the people the choice of only one-sixth.

The people have captured the choice of President by forcing his election to be made at the ballot box and compelling the electors to become figure-heads.

When the Constitution was framed we had 3,000,000 in Massachusetts and Georgia. \$10,000,000 of annual revenue, 75 postmasters and \$37,000 postage expenditures.

The Senate should be made elective by the people and in the election of President the electoral vote of each State should be divided into equal parts according to the popular vote.

In the Convention of 1787, the proposition that the Judiciary should have power to declare an act of Congress unconstitutional was four times voted down.

The postmasters, only seventy-five in number, could be chosen, as the constitution provided, in 1787, but the present army of 75,000 postmasters cannot be so selected and are not.

It is a great evil that notwithstanding an expression of the public will, the new Congress does not begin its session for thirteen months and that the old Congress continues to legislate for four months after its policy may have been repudiated at the ballot box.

It is too much to expect the Senate to abdicate its powers. Five times the House has voted a constitutional amendment, by an almost unanimous vote, to elect Senators by the people.

A BUDGE-BLAST FROM REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDE KITCHIN.

Democracy of North Carolina Opposed to "Public Grant in All Forms."

N. C. Delegation "Divided on Question of Legislative Grant."

In his Washington letter in Saturday's Raleigh News and Observer, Mr. Pence treats the State to a political sensation of the first magnitude, as follows:

Since the publication of the interview of the North Carolina Senators in this correspondence, in which they announced that they were studying the questions involved in the fast mail appropriation for the Southern Railroad before reaching a decision as to how they will vote there has been renewed discussion of the position of the part of North Carolina members of Congress.

"Well, I think the Senator in offering his amendment, putting the granting of the railroad subsidy in the discretion of the Postmaster-General overlooked the fact that the bill as it contains and has for years contained such a provision. Although the terms of this provision of the bill make it discretionary with the Postmaster-General, he has always used that discretion in favor of the subsidy, and gives as one of his reasons therefor that since the question, as fought out on the floor of the House, is whether the railroad should have this subsidy or not, when the bill is passed, he considers that Congress wishes the railroads to have it. He construes it as mandatory. He knows as everybody knows that no man votes for the subsidy on account of the discretion provision, but because he wishes the railroad to get the extra money. Granting, however, that Senator Simmons' provision makes it compulsory on the Postmaster-General to exercise his discretion in granting or withholding the subsidy, everybody knows, except perhaps the Senator, that the Postmaster-General, who is chairman of the National Executive Committee of the Republican party, which has always favored ship subsidy, etc., railroad subsidies and all other species of legislative plunder for the favored few, will use that discretion in favor of the railroads. Our people are not so much interested as to how the chairman of the Republican National Committee in his capacity as Postmaster-General will use his discretion in granting or refusing this bonus to the railroads, but what they wish to know is how Senators Simmons and Overman will exercise their right to vote as North Carolina Senators on the question of granting or refusing the \$167,000 gift to the railroads. We wish to know whether our senators will exercise their own judgment as representing the people of North Carolina in the matter or commit the rights and wishes of the people of the State on this question to the judgment of the Republican national chairman. Our people would much prefer their taking a bold stand on their own judgment, for or against this legislative graft than to seek refuge in a provision which has so often served as a balm to the conscience of those who supported it without clear conviction of its justice."

"It is to be hoped," says Mr. Claude Kitchin, "that Senator Simmons, who, as chairman of the Executive Committee, is the leader of Democracy in the State, will not repudiate the Democratic doctrine of 'Equal rights to all and special privileges to none' by his vote on this question [of the railway subsidy] either as a member of the Senate Postoffice committee, or as Senator on the floor. He is in a position to let the country know that the Democracy of the State still adheres to that doctrine and is opposed to bonanzas, subsidies, or public grants in all forms. He has a great opportunity to show his friends that he will take advantage of it. At least he will have the opportunity of attempting to procure by amendment for the people of the State and the South along the routes of the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line, mail facilities equal to those enjoying by the Southern Railway."

"If the Southern Railway is entitled to a special subsidy and the people along its line to extra mail facilities why are not the Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Line railroads entitled to special subsidies and the people living along their routes to the same 'extra mail facilities'?" Speaking of the division in the delegation Mr. Kitchin said: "Much has been said in our papers in regard to the division of the North Carolina delegation in the House on this vote. This is not the first time a delegation has divided on the question of legislative grant to the railroads. When the one and a half million dollar gift to the railroads for the construction of the union depot in Washington was before Congress, the Democratic members from North Carolina divided on that. The line of division in our delegation in voting public moneys as gifts to railroads has always been clear and well marked since I have been in Congress."

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GENERAL HAINS ON THE PANAMA CANAL.

In a lecture in Baltimore, the other day, by General Peter C. Hains, of the U. S. Engineer Corps, on the subject of the Panama Canal, he said, in part:

One of the big difficulties in the path of the canal, General Hains said, was the excavation of the Culebra cut. This cut is about eight miles in length and the engineering difficulties are tremendous. Only a limited number of steam shovels or excavators can be used at one time, and there is a woeful lack of available dumping ground. It had been estimated that it might take 12 years to cut through this cut.

The project of a sea-level canal, the General said, was essentially the old and discredited one that has failed several times before. A lock canal can be built in one-half the time and at one-half the cost, he declared, and the weight of opinion among the engineers who had studied the question was against a sea-level canal, notwithstanding the report of the majority of the board of consulting engineers.

Why he favors locks. In summing up General Hains gave the following reasons why he favors the lock canal, which has been adopted by the commission, and is opposed to the sea-level canal. "The sea-level canal will cost between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000 more. The lock canal can be constructed in half the time the sea-level could be. Under the lock canal a better regulation of the turbulent river in freshets can be obtained. The sea-level canal will be too narrow for the biggest ships. The cost of maintenance of the lock canal yearly will be \$2,500,000 less than the sea-level canal. The currents in a sea-level canal are often so swift as to interfere with navigation. A sea level canal would really be a lock canal after all, as it would have to contain one lock."

THE LATE REV. JAMES KELLY. In his account of the death of Rev. James Kelly—one of the best men who ever lived—which occurred last week at his home at Clarkton, the Express of that town says:

He was the best educated and the best posted man perhaps in Bladen county. During his active ministry he was regarded by the other members of Presbytery as being one of the best theologians in that body. A good part of his life was engaged in educational work. He was for a good many years superintendent of schools in this county, and had taught school considerably. He was at one time principal of the Clarkton High School.

Several years ago Mr. Kelly was stricken with rheumatism, which followed him to the end, and at the time of his death nearly every bone and muscle in his body had been drawn from that dreadful disease. Besides this, three years ago he was stricken with paralysis and was an invalid from that time. Although so sorely afflicted, he was the most patient man the writer has ever seen. At no time was he ever heard to complain of his affliction. Like the Saviour he had so long served, he bore it all with Christian fortitude. He has gone, but his influence still remains, and no doubt on reaching the other shore he found many stars in his crown. Mr. Kelly was married something more than 30 years ago to Miss Emma Cromatie, daughter of the late lamented George Cromatie. He leaves a wife, three daughters and three sons. His children are Messrs. Anne Lou, Emma and Eva Kelly; Messrs. A. C., J. R. and Donald Kelly. The funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev. J. E. L. Winecock, of Whiteville.

Unusual dry weather prevails. We are sorry to report that Mr. Jas. Vinson is still on the sick list. We hope he will soon recover. The wedding bells are yet ringing. Mr. Fleet Home and Miss Zula Sessions were married last Sunday. We were happy for them a long and happy life. We are glad to have the presence of Mr. James Bullard of Roseboro, N. C., who has recently moved to our section. Messrs. G. N. Besdole, E. M. Vinson and M. R. Vinson were welcome guests at Mr. L. H. Bullard's last Sunday evening. Mr. B. A. Fisher made a flying trip to Sharon last Sunday. Messrs. Frank Hall and Pierson Smith were visiting friends and relatives near Clay Fork last Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. D. H. Vinson and wife were the welcome guests at Mr. J. H. Weathering's last Sunday. Where is "Jack" of Beaver Dam? We fear the frost has cut him down. We are glad to have the presence of Mr. F. J. Vinson, of Wilmington, N. C., who is visiting his old home near Clay Fork, N. C. He is a jolly old boy and tells many interesting stories of his travels. He will return to Wilmington in a few days, where he holds a position with the A. C. L. R. Co. Mr. F. E. Bullard made a flying trip to Beaver Dam last Sunday. Mr. E. S. Smith filled his regular appointment at Concord last Sunday. Miss Mammie Bullard is visiting relatives near Hayne, N. C. Saw mills seem to be all the go around here. Smith Brothers has recently gone into the mill business near Clayfork, N. C. We hope to hear from "Jumbo," of Oakdale Farm, again. With best wishes for the OBSERVER and its good editor, I remain, LITTLE BILLY, Roseboro, April 30, 1906.

It is not difficult to relieve blind, bleeding, itching or protruding piles with Manzan, the great pile remedy. If it put up in collapsible tubes with nozzle, and may be introduced and applied at the seat of trouble. Stops pain instantly. Sold by McKethan & Co. All smart up-to-date women of to-day, know how to bake, wash, sing and to play. Without these talents a wife is N. G. Unless she takes Rocky Mountain Tea For Sale by King Drug Co., at McKethan & Co. Duffie Drug Store.

Messrs. P. A. Fisher and J. C. Vandegriff made a business trip to Carthage Saturday. Mr. Asa Yow was in Carthage Saturday. Mr. W. J. Wadsworth went to J. P. Seawell's last week on business. Mr. T. H. Caviness went to Gilbert Saturday. If Madam Rumors are true, there will be a wedding about here soon. Some of the farmers are about through planting. Messrs. C. G. Wadsworth and John Talbot went to Gilbert Saturday. SCOTCH LADDIE.

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Hon. Jacob A. Long for Corporation Commissioner.

Graham, N. C., April 28.

Nothing will be done by the next State convention by the Democratic party of more vital importance and concern to the people than the policy it shall adopt with regard to the taxation of railroads and the regulation of passenger and freight rates.

The report of the Corporation Commission is correct the railroads are taxed, in North Carolina, for something less than sixty-eight millions of dollars. They pay dividends on about one hundred millions of dollars more than they pay tax on. If this is correct, and I think it is, there should be an aggressive campaign for just and equitable taxation, at the expense of the better.

Any one acquainted with railroad traffic witnesses every day all the through lines in this State crowded with passengers and with more freight than can be shipped expeditiously, and yet we are told that freight rates and passenger fares cannot be reduced!!! It is said that shippers are now paying more to haul freight than was paid before we had a corporation commission!!!

The House of Representatives of the last legislature passed a bill to reduce rates and the bill was defeated in the Senate!!! The Democratic party at the State convention, on the 3rd of July next, will nominate a candidate for corporation commissioner. Hon. Jacob A. Long of Alamance county, is a candidate for the office. "There are two things that commend his candidacy to every voter in the State—the MAN and the PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH HE STANDS. He is a lifelong Democrat, is a lawyer of first-class ability, a man of affairs—honest—capable—reliable. He was nominated for solicitor in his county in 1888, and learned and Robert W. Winston, ex-judge of the superior court, in 1892. He was elected to represent Alamance county in the session of 1892-3, and was appointed chairman of the finance committee of the House by Hon. Lee S. Overman, and he distinguished himself by his services on the committee, as well as a member of the judiciary committee, of which Judge W. R. Allen was chairman. No better man could be found for corporation commissioner, and his card, signed by him and published in the papers of the State, discloses that he STANDS FOR SOMETHING. The Democratic convention can do no better than adopt as its plank in its platform on this subject the three things for which he stands. Think about it! He stands first FOR TWO CENTS PER MILE FOR PASSENGER FARES. A number of other States (Virginia, Ohio, and others) have this rate—why not North Carolina? SECOND—A REDUCTION OF FREIGHT RATES TO A POINT WHICH WILL LEAVE THE RAILROADS FAIR AND REASONABLE DIVIDENDS ON THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTY AFTER EXCLUDING WATERBORN STOCKS AND BONDS AND EXORBITANT SALARIES. THIRD—TAXATION OF RAILROADS UPON THE SAME VALUATION THAT ARE ENTITLED TO EARN DIVIDENDS. Here is a platform, MULTUM IN PARVO, JUST AND EQUITABLE. The present incumbent has held the office two terms—eight years. New blood put into the commission will do good. Let's adopt a policy founded on progress, justice and equity, and nominate a man in harmony with it to execute it. Very respectfully, J. S. COOK.

April 28, 1906. Judson Items. Pastor J. J. Hill filled his regular appointment here Sunday. He preached a touching sermon. His text was "Choose you this day whom you will serve." There was a large crowd in attendance. The farmers are moving on with their farm work. Some of them are about through planting cotton. It is getting pretty dry, and rain is needed to bring up the seed. The garden peas are this way and shabby this year—the vines are small. We will begin to gather them to-day. Mr. W. C. Fields began to gather on yesterday. Rev. Wm. Johnson passed by to-day on his way to the city. He said the frost did considerable damage about Cedar Creek and that he saw peaches on Mr. Wm. B. Faircloth's trees that were black; the whortleberries were also black; and corn was badly bitten. A Mr. Harris had about 100 acres of cotton up, which was all killed. The frost did but little damage in this section. There will be plenty of fruit in this section if nothing turns up from now on. Mr. R. P. Haywood has been on the sick list for a week or more, but Mr. Burch Haywood passed by to-day on his way to the city. He says that it is so dry in his section that the people could not plow. Cotton is tumbling down in price and some of the boys who have not sold are feeling straitened. PANSY.

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Macedonia Items.

The farmers of this section are having some beautiful weather now. They are all planting their crops and expecting a big price for cotton this fall.

Mrs. Colie Culbreth was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sessions, Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. G. C. Hall was a visitor at Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hall's Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lloyd Hall, of Robeson, was visiting relatives in this section Saturday and Sunday. A good number of the young folks attended the Union at Cedar Creek and report a fine time. Mr. Willie West, who has been in Robeson for the past few months, has returned. Mr. Jonathan Nunery is wearing the broadest smile of any man in the settlement—he is dipping turpentine and expecting six dollars per barrel.

Mr. Joe Inland, of Alabama, has come to this section to spend the summer with relatives and friends. We are sorry to report that Mrs. C. A. Williamson is on the sick list. We will have Sunday school at Macedonia next Sunday. Mr. Alexander Plumer is our superintendent, and we think he is a very good one. Mr. George Cashwell was here last week. SWEET SIXTEEN.

Congressmen in Wilmington. There is to-day a very important meeting of national law-makers and other citizens of prominence in Wilmington, and the outline of the meeting the Messenger of today gives as follows: "The party of distinguished visitors will arrive in Wilmington this morning from Norfolk, and will be the guests of the chamber of commerce who in the city. They will be met at the Coast Line station by a committee from the chamber of commerce and the first thing on the programme will probably be a short trip on the Cape Fear river aboard the boat used by Capt. R. P. Johnson, United States Army, chief of the United States engineer's office in this city. It cannot be told definitely what programme will be observed when the party arrives, but as far as is known at the present time the trip on the river will be the first thing to take place upon the arrival of the party. At 11:30 o'clock the meeting of the chamber of commerce will be held, and it is earnestly hoped that all members will be in attendance so as to give the visitors a warm reception. It is one of the most distinguished bodies of men to visit Wilmington in a long time, and every effort should be made to make the visitors enjoy themselves while in the city, and to impress upon them the fact that the business men are glad for them to be here. There is no better way for the latter to be made known than by a large attendance of the members at the meeting of the chamber of commerce. At 1 o'clock the visitors will take lunch at the Orton, and during the afternoon will take another trip on the river and possibly a drive over the city. They will leave on the 6:50 train. Major E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, who is a member of the executive committee of the Rivers and Harbors Commission, arrived last night and is stopping at the Orton. Congressman Patterson also came in last night and is at the Colonial Inn. Among those who are to visit this city, as stated before, are several members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives."

Cumberland in Federal Court. The Wilmington Star of to-day has the following report of the proceedings of Federal Court yesterday: "The court was engaged all day yesterday with cases from Cumberland and Columbus counties. The following appear from the record of the clerk: "Bettie Jones, Cumberland county; retailing; verdict guilty; 30 days in jail, \$100 fine and costs, and to be imprisoned, however, for fine or costs. "O. F. Goddard, Cumberland county; retailing; 30 days in jail, \$100 fine and costs, judgment suspended on payment of costs. "J. L. Yarboro, Cumberland county; illicit distilling; not pros with leave. "Nat McKay, Cumberland county, capias and continued. "The case of K. R. Raynor, Cumberland county, charged with retailing, was on trial when court took a recess at 2 o'clock. Two witnesses have testified and Raynor is now on the stand in his own behalf."

To the Trustees of Concord Church. Gentlemen:— I take the liberty of telling you every church will be given a liberal quantity of L & M. Paint whenever they paint. 4 gallons L. & M. mixed with 3 gallons Linseed Oil will paint a moderate sized house. Actual cost L. & M. about \$1.20 per gallon. L. & M. Zinc hardens L. & M. White Lead and makes the paint work like iron. Largest mills in the world use L. & M. Arnold Print Works, North Adams, Mass.; used nearly 17,000 gallons L. & M. Paint made with 16,000 gallons L. & M. and 7,000 gallons pure Linseed Oil. Sold by E. E. SADBERRY'S SONS, Fayetteville, N. C. H. B. DOWNS, Cedar Creek, N. C. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children's. Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, Cure Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all Drugists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Dear Sirs: Here's a sample: how Devoe upsets things. Littleton, Pa., was a cheap-painted town up to a year ago, when Messrs. Baschort & Mehring took our agency. They send us the names of the painters now painting Devoe: A. C. Bollinger, A. Wm Unger, Joshua Beil, Edw L. Kellenberger, John F. Kellenberger, J. B. McSherry, John G. Frey, G. C. Lawrence, Charles Steich, L. C. March, and forty names of property-owners painting Devoe; and every one of the painters tells why he paints Devoe. They are not mistaken. Devoe is the cheapest paint in the world—so far as we know the world and paint. If painters everywhere knew it, they'd paint it, every man of 'em. Yours truly, F. W. DEVOE & CO. 121. P. S. H. R. Home & Sons sell our paint.

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STATEMENT Made to the North Carolina Corporation Commission, at the close of business April 6th, 1906.

Table with columns: Resources, Liabilities, and Comparative Statement. Resources include Loans (\$376,652.58), Overdrafts (4,699.19), Stocks and Bonds (23,750.00), Fire and Burglar-proof Vault (new) (6,000.00), Furniture and Fixtures (1.00), Banking House (6,000.00), Other Real Estate (11,542.60), Demand Loans (386,532.20), Cash from Banks (45,011.20), Due in Vault (32,168.46). Total Resources: \$592,357.23. Liabilities include Capital Stock (\$100,000.00), Surplus (50,000.00), Profits (5,700.86), Dividends (18,250.00), Deposits (418,406.37). Total Liabilities: \$592,357.23.

Capital, Surplus and Deposits make the Bank. The Banks to a Large Extent Make the Towns. It is the Policy of this Bank to Aid in Every Legitimate Way and Assist in the Development of the Commercial and Financial Interest of Fayetteville and Community.

Cotton Items.

The annual sermon of the Hope Mills Graded School was preached on the 22nd at 4 o'clock p. m. by the Presiding Elder of the Fayetteville District, Rev. J. B. Hurley. It was an ideal day, and a large and appreciative audience greeted him. Mr. Hurley was at his best, and the audience was very much delighted. On Tuesday evening following at 8 o'clock the exercises of the school began. The large building was filled to its utmost capacity, standing room was at a premium. The crowd was estimated at from 1,000 to 1,200. A large number failed to get in. A better behaved audience could not be found. The programme was carried out without a blunder. The pupils received credit on their instructors as well as themselves. On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock an eloquent address was delivered to an appreciative audience by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church, Fayetteville, N. C. His subject was, "A plea for education." Surely good results will follow. After the address Superintendent of Public Instruction B. T. McBryde presented the prizes in a happy and an impressive manner. Mr. John A. Oates was present and made a short, but good talk. Thus the exercises of the school closed. All part kindly and leave school behind for other engagements to fill the mind. The school, guided by an able body of trustees and faithful teachers, has made a success despite the small pox.

Lower Seventy First Items.

We are here again and enjoying the blessings and privileges that God has given us, yet I feel very much unworthy. Yet, my mind is full of love; that if anything goes wrong, let us all be thankful for God is love. Miss Janie White, who has been spending some weeks with her uncle on Haymont, has returned home. Mr. Andrew Broadfoot paid Mr. Walter Jackson a visit Sunday. Mr. Brustus Hall visited his neighbor, Mr. S. A. Reeves, Sunday. Messrs. Duncan Matthews, Alton Vaughan and Will Clark were part of the visitors at the home of Mr. Blake Jackson Sunday afternoon. Mr. W. S. Hall has accepted a position as general manager for and on the farm of Mr. John G. Oehlert over the creek, where will be raised many different varieties of plants and vegetables, fruits and grasses. Mr. C. M. Watson is cutting some fine cabbage from his patch. He has just finished shipping lettuce. Some time ago someone at Carthage asked how many eggs Uncle Rube eat Easter. If the engineer can tell how many eggs Uncle Rube can eat they can readily tell how many he did eat. That is hard for Uncle Rube to tell. Best wishes for the OBSERVER. UNCLE RUBE.

Letter from Lobelia.

I will again appear in your valuable paper and let the people know that we are all in the land of the living yet. News is somewhat scarce about here at present, as our friend "Lex" has wrote lately and told of all that were sick and all that were improving, except Mrs. A. C. Smith, who is not much better, we are sorry to state. If our Spout Springs correspondent would get some of his news around that place "Bill Arr" and "Lex" would have more to write. Mr. Alex. Smith and wife of this place went to Manly last week on a visit to Mr. W. D. Johnson. Miss Kitty McCroney, of this place, went on a visit to Mr. Jackson Keith, near Vass, Sunday. Mr. Martin McLeod, of Moore county, called near this place Saturday night. Mr. D. H. Cameron and Miss Sallie Smith, of this place, went on a visit to Sharon last week before last. Mr. J. A. Keith and Miss Hattie Smith, of this place, went on a business trip to Vass last week. Miss Christ Stewart, of this place, went on a visit to Sanford last week. Wishing the OBSERVER and all of its readers success. BILL ARR.

Clay Fork Items.

The beautiful springtime is here once more, and the little birds, as they sit on the boughs, sing their merry songs. They remind the writer of a little springtime song that he learned many years ago while going to school. Thus: The little birds fly over, and oh! how sweet they sing, To tell the happy children that once again 'tis spring,—etc. It inspires our very souls to hear the birds singing, and the bumblebee buzzing away on a springtime morning. The farmers of this section are showing things to get their cotton planted before it gets any dryer. Messrs. J. S. Home and P. F. Hall attended the union at Cedar Creek last Saturday. Messrs. Eason Bullard and Nova Strickland made a trip to Season's Siding Saturday, the 28th, and have not returned yet. Guess they had much business to attend to. The Harspen Lumber Co. of this section, has got things in a shape to do business now. They have had back logs, but we are glad to say they have got things together. The business will be run under the supervision of Mr. Fred E. Bullard, who owns a mill near Clay Fork. Best wishes for the OBSERVER. LITTLE SAM.

LETTER TO ARMFIELD CO.

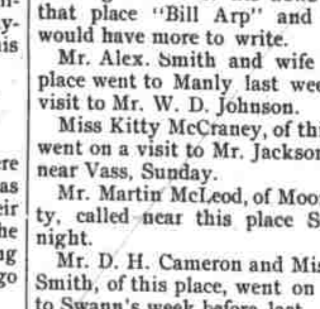
Fayetteville, N. C. Dear Sirs: Here's a sample: how Devoe upsets things. Littleton, Pa., was a cheap-painted town up to a year ago, when Messrs. Baschort & Mehring took our agency. They send us the names of the painters now painting Devoe: A. C. Bollinger, A. Wm Unger, Joshua Beil, Edw L. Kellenberger, John F. Kellenberger, J. B. McSherry, John G. Frey, G. C. Lawrence, Charles Steich, L. C. March, and forty names of property-owners painting Devoe; and every one of the painters tells why he paints Devoe. They are not mistaken. Devoe is the cheapest paint in the world—so far as we know the world and paint. If painters everywhere knew it, they'd paint it, every man of 'em. Yours truly, F. W. DEVOE & CO. 121. P. S. H. R. Home & Sons sell our paint.

Bluff Bridge Items.

MR. EDITOR: Since the cool weather and the killing frost that came a few days ago have passed and gone the warm spring days have made their appearance, and the little birds are mingling together their sweet voices of joy and happiness again, and we believe that our many farmer friends are looking forward for bright prospects in the future. Work hard, boys, it is not very long before we expect to reap where we have sown. Mr. Albert Vinson and wife, of this section, spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting friends and relatives near Hayne, N. C. Mr. G. F. Vinson, of this section, spent last Sunday evening visiting Mr. Giles Hales and family near Clay Fork, N. C. Miss Lillie Starling, of Fayetteville, N. C., spent last week visiting her sister, Mrs. F. B. Besdole, of this section. We are sorry to report that Mr. K. S. Carter, of this section, is still on the sick list. Best wishes to the OBSERVER and its many readers. LITTLE NASH.

Edonia Items.

Rev. A. L. Byrd held service at Bladen Union Sunday morning. The concert at Glenigary certainly was a success. The teachers and pupils deserve a great deal of praise. Mr. Vance Tolar, of Tar Heel, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tolar, on Sunday. Mr. R. N. Carroll was in Hope Mills Sunday on business. Mrs. Ella Casswell, of Wilmington, visited her sister, Mrs. Tyson, last week. Mr. John Jones, of Parkton, was in this vicinity Sunday. Mr. Frederick Allen, of Tar Heel, attended preaching at Bladen Union Sunday. Miss Irene Tolar is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sallie Cain, this week. Rev. R. N. Casswell was in this vicinity Tuesday. As news is scarce I will close, wishing much success to the OBSERVER and its many readers. MAGNOLIA.



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