

Correspondence on all subjects of local and general interest and opinions upon matters of public concern, are invited.

Peace Institute. D. Gaster—Announcement. Baptist University For Women. Mrs. John D. Williams—For Sale.

Baseball. In a game of baseball Saturday, Victory defeated Hope Mills by a score of 6 to 2.

Acknowledgement. The Editor of the Observer is very grateful to his brethren for the press for the kind things they have been saying of him.

Death of Mr. J. G. Byrd. Mr. J. G. Byrd died Friday afternoon at his home in Linden, this county, after several months' illness, aged 70 years.

We have lately received the catalogue of the A. & M. College at Raleigh. The issue of this year includes, in addition to the various courses in Agriculture and in Engineering, a full list of the Alumni of the College.

Dr. R. J. Willingham at Hope Mills. It was a rare treat which the citizens of Hope Mills had Monday night in listening to a splendid address from the Rev. R. J. Willingham, D. D., secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptists.

On the Race Track. The handsome old grey pacer, "Jack o' Diamonds," now the property of Dr. Brown, of Fairmont, is training on the track. Also, a handsome chestnut filly is stepping half miles at a pace that will soon put her in the 2:30 class as a trotter.

Among other horses that will show up at the matinee Friday evening are "May Coastman" and "Many Wonder," owned by Mr. Marvin; "Billie Boy," owned by Mr. Eden; Mr. D. K. Taylor's "Pacer" and Mr. McEachern's, of Wilmington, "Traveler."

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ANNUL BEMON OF F. I. L. I. BATTALION. Will Be Preached July 5th by Their Chaplain, Rev. I. W. Hughes.

At the drill, held last night, the F. I. L. I. Battalion accepted an invitation from their Chaplain, Rev. I. W. Hughes, to attend Saint John's church in a body July 5th, when he will preach their annual sermon.

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Everybody is Proud of the Splendid Church. The Methodists of Fayetteville worshipped in their new and beautiful church yesterday for the first time.

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THE GREAT STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AT CHARLOTTE. Perhaps the greatest convention ever held in the great old State of North Carolina was called to order to-day at 12 o'clock in the Queen City, Charlotte, where the flower of Democracy from every county in the State has assembled as delegates.

TAFT NOMINATED ON FIRST BALLOT. For President of the United States William H. Taft, of Ohio! Secretary of War W. H. Taft, President Roosevelt's man, was nominated for Presidential candidate of the Republican party at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, receiving 702 votes on the first ballot, while it required only 419 to nominate. The allies were not in it.

THE VOTE ON FIRST BALLOT ON WHICH TAFT WAS NOMINATED. Taft—Alabama, 22; Arkansas, 18; California, 20; Colorado, 10; Connecticut, 14; Delaware, 6; Florida, 10; Georgia, 17; Idaho, 6; Illinois, 3; Indiana, 2; Iowa, 26; Kansas, 20; Kentucky, 24; Louisiana, 18; Maine, 12; Maryland, 16; Massachusetts, 32; Michigan, 27; Minnesota, 22; Mississippi, 20; Missouri, 36; Montana, 6; Nebraska, 16; Nevada, 5; New Hampshire, 5; New Jersey, 15; New York, 10; North Carolina, 24; South Dakota, 8; Ohio, 42; Oklahoma, 14; Oregon, 8; Pennsylvania, 13; Rhode Island, 8; South Carolina, 13; South Dakota, 8; Tennessee, 24; Texas, 36; Utah, 6; Vermont, 8; Virginia, 21; Washington, 10; West Virginia, 14; Wisconsin, 1; Wyoming, 6; Alaska, 2; Arizona, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Hawaii, 2; New Mexico, 2; Philippine Islands, 2; Porto Rico, 2; Total, 702.

NOTICE. All Watches left with us two years ago and more, for repairs, will be offered for sale on July 15th.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LANDS. In accordance with an order of the Superior Court of Cumberland County, in a cause entitled "J. B. McPhail, Administrator of Osborne Hawley vs. Flora C. Hawley, widow, and Spicy Hawley, et al, heirs-at-law of Osborne Hawley," will expose to sale, to the highest bidder, at Public Auction, the following described lands in Cumberland County, to-wit:

1st Tract:—On Great Creek, containing 96 acres, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the State lot, will expose to sale, to the highest bidder, at Public Auction, the following described lands in Cumberland County, to-wit:

2nd Tract:—Beginning at a stake in the Northern margin of said creek; thence down said margin to the beginning; thence down Daniel McMillan to Osborne Hawley, recorded in Book "P" No. 3, Page 219, Register's office of Cumberland county.

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4th Tract:—Begins at a pine, the corner of the land of Daniel McMillan and John Bain, and runs N. 2 E. 20 1/2 chains to a stake in a gallery pond, then N. 50 W. 15 chains to a stake in Samuel McMillan's line; then as his line S. 70 W. 6.35 chains to a stake in the edge of the creek; thence down the Eastern edge of said creek to a corner of 77 acres tract on Deane's line; thence E. 31.70 chains to the beginning, containing 65 acres, more or less.

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