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THE HERNDON PLOW CO. A NEW CORPORATION

State Issues Charter for Another New Enterprise for Laurinburg.
Company to Manufacture a Wrenchless Plow Stock and Bar Combined—Invention Perfected by
Dr. W. T. Herndon.

The Herndon Plow Company is a new corporation for Laurinburg, the state issuing charter for this enterprise on Monday.

The incorporators are Dr. W. T. Herndon, A. K. Currie, F. C. McCormick and G. H. Russell, the authorized capital is \$10,000.

The company adopts the name, Herndon Plow Co., in honor of Dr. W. T. Herndon, a local dentist, whose inventive genius perfected the plow, which the company will manufacture and put on the market.

The invention is a wrenchless plow stock and bar combined. It is simple in construction and can be used as effectively as if there had never been a wrench manufactured. It is so constructed that any and all changes desired can be made without hitch or hang within two minutes. Any adjustment that is necessary to be made in the use of a plow stock and bar can be made with this plow without the use of a wrench in less than one-half the time required for the usual changes where a wrench has to be used, and the plow fills every demand made for any and all forms of light cultivation, and any plow point can be quickly and effectively attached and adjusted. Another strong feature combined in this invention is that the relation of the beam to the soil is not disturbed in regulating or adjusting the angle of the plow, and therefore, the backband on the animal used to pull the plow need never be changed.

The invention is the product of Dr. Herndon's inventive mind, and is only one of the few useful inventions he has perfected.

The company will soon organize and the plow will be put on market in ample time for the coming season.

Some one of the interested stockholders will leave this week to perfect some arrangement for the manufacturing of the supply for the next seasons demand.

For the present, none of the manufacturing will be done here, but it is hoped that the business of this concern will soon reach such proportions that a local plant will be established for the manufacture and assembling of the product.

At Death's Door.

The continued news of the critical illness of Mr. E. H. Kendall, a former Scotland citizen now living at Kinston, brings a great weight of sorrow to many hearts in Scotland county.

His Scotland friends remember Mr. Kendall as the big, strong man that he was during his stay of a number of years in the county and it is sad indeed to know that he has been so soon stricken down and that at this writing he lingers close to death's door.

His son, Mr. Fred Kendall, a salesman for the J. T. John Co., at John, has been called to his bedside by a message which said that his condition was steadily growing weaker.

C. M. Erwin, a Baptist minister of Hickory, was killed and Geo. Bridges and a small son were seriously injured by a runaway mule Sunday afternoon at Bostic. The mule became frightened when some part of the harness broke and dashed down a hill. The buggy struck a post, dashing the three out with the above result. Bridges lost an eye and the boy's skull was fractured.

BLEASE DEFEATED!

Long Distance Telephone to
The Exchange.

Bennettesville, S. C., August 26.

Senator E. D. Smith defeated all candidates in the Senatorial race in South Carolina yesterday. Smith elected over Blease by 15,000.

Happenings At Snead's Grove.

SNEAD'S GROVE, August 26. Mr. Fred Bowen and sister, Maidie, returned Monday from a visit over in Robeson.

Mr. Marshall Threadgill went to Wagram Monday where he accepted a position with Shaw & Bundy of that place.

Mr. J. W. Jackson returned to Laurinburg Monday to resume his work after having spent a week's vacation.

Mr. Manly Gibson had the misfortune of losing a cow Monday. She became tangled in the tether and broke her neck.

Mr. Jack Walters rode the Woodmen goat here Monday night and became a member of that order.

Messrs. S. A. Snead, L. F. Norton, Adelphus Seals and Milton Walters went over to Raeford Friday and saw Laurinburg thrashed.

Mr. S. M. Jackson, who it was reported would move to Robeson next year, has decided to remain in this good section a while longer.

We are told that Charlie Norton will move to Columbus county the coming year. The community hates to lose such industrious fellows as Charlie.

Sidewalk Work in Progress.

Some weeks ago we noted in these columns that cement sidewalks would be put down on a number of our principal streets, and we are glad to note that the work has begun, the force now being on the east end of Church street.

Contracts have been let for the following streets: North side of Church street from Caledonia Road to Presbyterian church; south side from Caledonia Road to McLaurin Avenue; east side of Main street from Seaboard railroad to Washington Avenue, and in all probability the west side will be cemented also; east side of Main street from Church street to Vance street, west side from Church street to Covington street; McRae street, both sides, from Main street to Caledonia Road.

City Schools Open September 7th.

The Laurinburg Public Schools will open Monday, September 7th, 1914.

Every pupil is expected to report to the teacher of his respective grade at 10 A. M. Saturday, September 5, for classification, and to receive list of books.

The compulsory school term for white children between the ages of 8 and 12 years will begin on this date.

All pupils are required to be vaccinated.

By order of the school board.
S. W. RABB,
Superintendent.

SCOTLAND LEADS.

Wilmington Star Gives Honor to Robeson That is Scotland's.

The Wilmington Star in its issue of Thursday stated that Robeson county grows the largest amount of cotton and the highest average yield per acre in the State.

The editorial came to the notice of our townsman, Mr. Maxcy L. John, and being a great believer in Scotland and its great agricultural achievements, and having the information at hand to correct the erroneous impression and statement, did so in the following communication to that paper:

To the editor of the Star:

You stated editorially yesterday that Robeson county grows the largest amount of cotton and the highest average yield per acre in the State. North Carolina's yield per acre is the highest of all the states, and Scotland county's average yield per acre is the highest of any county in the United States. This has been true for several years, as shown by United States Census reports. This county is only about a third the size of Robeson and makes more than half as much cotton, and has been producing an average of more than two bales per inhabitant each year. Dr. Graham, President of the University, told me at Wrightsville Beach last summer that the agricultural production of Scotland county is the largest per capita of all the counties in the United States. But it is our misfortune that it does not get the largest per cent of it on the increase in tax values. We produce at a larger per cent expense than do some other counties in the United States, so that the net production of some other counties is greater than ours. So long as this is true there is something for us to learn—and we can learn from the foreigners who make up the population of those counties where the net production is greater than ours because of less pro rata expense, though the gross production is less than ours.

Robeson county is all right and a good one, but Scotland is a little better, and we should have the benefit of the facts stated as they exist.

MAXCY L. JOHN.

Laurinburg, N. C., Aug. 21, 1914.

Resisted Arrest.

Jim McIver, a colored citizen who had evidently communed with the flowing bowl with too much regularity Saturday, fell under the keen eye of Officer Medlin, who immediately placed him under arrest. As soon as McIver felt the heavy hand of the law clutching him, he began to resist and show fight. This proceeding did not appeal to the officer, who was alone, and the persuasion of his night stick had to be applied. The result was a bruised head and a berth in the county jail. McIver was fined \$2 and the costs in the Recorder's court Tuesday.

To Make Improvements.

It is rumored, and we understand is true, that the Southern Bell Telephone Co., will soon make a much needed improvement in their system in Laurinburg. The improvement will consist in the installation of the drop system, and when this is installed, it will not be necessary to twist the tail of the telephone to get thererecognition of Central, but you merely have to take the receiver off the hook and Central is automatically called, and, as is the case in Laurinburg, will immediately answer.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Discovered in Store Occupied by S. Saseen Sunday.

The distressing notes of the fire whistle called the citizens of Laurinburg from their slumbers about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The cause of the alarm proved to be a blaze in the rear end of the store occupied by S. Saseen, a Syrian merchant on Main street.

When the fire company reached the building, no evidence of any fire was visible, but the dense smoke that poured out at every point possible for it to find an exit, was proof positive that the blaze was there, and as soon as the glass was broken out of the front doors and rear windows, creating a draft, the blaze leaped up and enveloped the entire rear end of the store. It was easy to control and was soon extinguished, but not before the entire stock had been scorched by the heat and blackened by the smoke. The stock, amounting to several thousand dollars, is practically ruined. Insurance for \$5,250 was carried. This fire was discovered by night officer Medlin.

CHANGE IN PROGRAM

Of Rockdale School Rally. Judge Neal Not to Make Speech.

There has been a change in the program of the great educational rally to be held at Gibson next Friday.

The program, as shown elsewhere in this issue, calls for an address by Judge Walter H. Neal of Laurinburg. This has been changed at the request of Judge Neal, and according to a statement from him something else will take the place of his address, which he claims will be much better.

At the hour appointed for his address a handsome American flag, the gift of Judge Neal, will be presented to the school. The presentation speech will be made by Mr. Geo. Hargrave, Jr., and the speech of acceptance for the trustees will be made by Mr. Robert Gibson. Following this, a chorus of voices in charge of Miss Flo Gary, the teacher in charge of the music department, will render The Star Spangled Banner.

Somebody Negligent.

The Vital Statistics law is not taken as seriously by some people, whom it affects, as it requires, as will be seen from the following letter addressed to Mr. D. A. McDougald, Registrar of Vital Statistics for Laurinburg. The letter is in reply to one written by Mr. McDougald, asking what he should do to get a more correct regard for the law, and is as follows:

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 19, 1914.
Mr. D. A. McDougald, Laurinburg, N. C.:

Dear Sir:—It is not your business to go after anything. It is the duty of the doctors and midwives to furnish you with birth certificates, and that of the undertaker to furnish you with death certificates. If they do not do so, it is your duty to hustle them up and make them do so. If you find you cannot, report them to us and we will see that they do.

Yours truly,
Bureau of Vital Statistics,
T. B. BROWN,
Chief Clerk.

Miss Catharine McArn, of Rowland, was the guest of Mrs. J. S. McDuffie Friday night.

Mr. J. L. Lee, who holds a position with a chain of Georgia banks as private examiner, arrived in the city Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee. Mr. Lee is just recovering from an operation which he underwent in an Atlanta hospital three weeks ago.

WAREHOUSES TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

Contractor Tucker Gets Contract for Building Storage Warehouse. Three Sections 50x100 to Be Completed Within 30 Days—Will Be Located on Corner of James and Railroad Streets.

Outran Officer Brown.

The officers have been on the watch for about a month for Roland Coleman, a young white boy who was under indictment for the larceny of a pistol, and for embezzlement. Coleman had been successful in keeping out of the reach of officers until Saturday night, when officer Brown spotted him hanging about the Scotland, a negro hotel. The officer came up on the dark side of Coleman and had him before he knew what was happening.

They began their journey to the county jail and everything seemed serene and satisfactory until Coleman heard the rattle of the keys that opened the way to the jail. This was too much for him and he made a dash for liberty. With Brown close in behind him on a dead run across back streets and alleys toward the Seaboard depot, Coleman flew. But for a fall that the officer had there is some doubt as to the result of what the race would have been, but after taking his tumble and digging a good sized hole in his knee, Mr. Brown had to give up the chase.

Coleman was arrested in Fayetteville Monday and as soon as the officer was notified, he secured an automobile and went after his prisoner, bringing him back Monday night.

Coleman was given a hearing in both cases, Tuesday, bound over to court in the embezzlement case, and judgment as to the larceny case deferred until next Tuesday.

With Our Advertisers.

There are a number of new advertisements appearing in this issue of our paper, and the attention of our readers is especially directed to them.

The Scotland Hardware Co., of Wagram, announces that during the week beginning September 7th, they will conduct a special demonstration and sale of the Great Majestic Ranges. They offer free with every purchase of a range during this sale an \$8 set of ware. Tuesday the 8th is children's souvenir day. During the day Tango Hoops will be given away. The invitation sent out by this enterprising company is a general one, and you are invited specially.

McLaurin and Shaw have an interesting talk about the soaring prices of foodstuffs, and it will profit you to read what they have to say.

The State Bank talks about a family bank account. Mr. Cooper invites you to call and talk over the matter of starting a bank account with them.

Mr. Chas. B. Tysor recites a conversation between two horses about his harness, and invites you to come and have your shoes repaired while you wait.

Laurinburg's First Bale.

On last Thursday, Aug. 20th, Mr. Sam Bostick marketed the first bale of 1914 cotton on the local market. It was sold to J. F. McNair on contract. The value, if it had been sold at the market price that day, would have been 9 cents per pound.

Renominated in Union.

The many Laurinburg friends of Mr. H. B. Adams, Jr., will learn with very great pleasure that on Saturday he was renominated for the office of Recorder in Union county.

Trestle Burned.

All of the Seaboard morning trains were late yesterday morning, the cause of the delay being a burned trestle over Lumber river at, or near Alma.

The movement started about two weeks ago to build warehouses in which to store the crops of Scotland county hit the popular chord and at once developed into a reality. Already a site has been selected and a contract placed for three sections to be finished and ready for storing purposes within thirty days. Each section will be 50x150 feet and will accommodate one thousand bales of cotton.

A lot on the southwest corner of James and Railroad street has been secured. This will put the warehouse in close touch with both the Seaboard and Laurinburg Southern Railroads.

Only three sections have been contracted for, but these are built so that others may be added, and the probability is that this will be only about one-third of what will be required. The approximate cost of the three, according to Contractor Tucker, who will build them, will be \$6,700.

Enjoyable Picnic.

Quite a large crowd of Laurinburg and Riverton people met in a general community picnic on the banks of the Lumbee at Riverton Friday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in boating, bathing, fishing, swimming and numerous games. Late, or just as the darkness began to gather, the lights on the automobiles of Messrs. J. C. Morgan and Neill P. Gilchrist were turned so that their glare fell upon a 60-foot picnic table. Soon this table was laden with the greatest and most tempting outlay of the best things to eat, and the crowd, with appetites sharpened by the continued activities of the afternoon, was invited to partake of the bountiful offering.

It was a happy and contented crowd that returned to their homes, and all of them with a pleasant thought of the delightful afternoon at the famous picnic place.

Why it is that anybody wants to go to some distant point for a suitable picnic place in preference to Riverton is hard to tell. Riverton is the one ideal spot for picnics, and if anybody knows of a better one we would like to hear it named.

Chasing Rainbows.

One of our local friends and business men told us of an amusing incident that happened to him recently.

He had some transaction with a colored customer in which a small amount of money was passed. He noticed the negro scrutinizing every ten cent piece he gave him in the change, and being curious to know why, he asked the question. The negro told him that the Ford Motor Company were offering a Ford automobile to anyone collecting four dimes on which the four letters "F O R D" appeared. Referring to the letters found under the wreath on dimes. The colored citizen had found two with O and D and was industriously trying to complete his collection.

The attention of Gibson Brothers, the local Ford dealers, was called to the incident, and they stated that such an impression seemed to be current, and that the Ford Company's attention had been called to it, with the result that they had sent out circular letters to correct this wrong impression.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of the diocese of East Carolina, after a long illness, died at his home in Wilmington Sunday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock.