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Mr. Cox says he "thanks God that he is free and unfettered". Maybe so. Chas. Murphy, Gen. Brennan and their cohorts probably have a different idea about the matter though.

The Durham Sun has been publishing some very strong political editorials of late. This newspaper is the strongest acquisition that the Republican party in North Carolina has made to its ranks in some time.

Never in the history of the country perhaps has there been such a flood of worthless stocks stock poured over the land. Oil wells, mining enterprise and sometimes local undertakings that have no merit in them are trying to get money of the foolish investor. When one considers how how many opportunities there are to buy good bonds, building and loan, bank stock and land, it looks like nobdy but a fool would throw away his his money on speculative stock.

The effect on the political parties of the granting of suffrage to women is somewhat problematical. The general opinion seems to be that the women will vote about like their men folks. If this hypothesis be correct then Harding will be elected by an enormous majority the Southern states will give larger Democratic majorities than usual and Carteret county will go Republican by a big majority.

The most important matter that is now claiming the attention of the people of this county at present is that of politics. An election is near at hand and officials who will look after the business of the country for several years to come are to be chosen. This matter of selecting public officials is or should be one of thi great interest to all citizens, because all of us will be more or less affected by the outcome.

For a little over two months to come the colums of this newspaper will carry a good deal of political matter. Some of our readers may think it useless and perhaps improper to inflict so much politics upon them. Our opinion is that the importance of the election justifies us in making a liberal use of our columns in this way. To those who do not agree with us we would say "have patients it will soon be over."

Politics In The South

The Southern States have for many years been handicapped by the fact that they have lived under the one party system of government. One political organization controlling a section of the country has assumed itself the task of governing a rich and fertile land which by rights belongs to every citizen. This system of government while it may have served some purpose in the Civil War period, has been responsible for much misgovernment since that time. It has driven from their homes many of our best citizens who were not willing to live under such a form of government. It has discouraged immigration to the South from other sections of the country because of the fact that a few politicians can control the votes of the people when they are not permitted to express their preference at the polls. It has made the South the laughing stock of the world because it has been claimed that we have no government in the South, that the people are not capable of self government. Nothing could be further from the truth than such a statement when there is no such thing and under cover of a political name to allow an oligarchy to rule the country is false and unpatriotic.

Any one who thinks that the people of the Southern States are running their political affairs ought to study the election returns. With the exception of North Carolina and Tennessee where a strong minority party brings out the vote, the voting at the regular election in the South is a mere farce. In such states as South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas not one fourth, of the adult males go to the polls. It is obvious that there can be no real government of the people by the people, for the people when the peaple do not vote. If the important matter of choosing law makers and those who administer the laws is handed over to a group of self constituted leaders there can be no real popular government.

In the great area south of the Potomac and reaching to the Rio Grande there is in need of a political awakening. The masses of the people should give some intelligent study to political matters. Politics are not to be dismissed with a sneer or a wave of the hand. The Government of the people is or should be, one of its chief concerns. All citizens should give political matters their careful attention and when voting time comes should vote without fear or prejudice, their honest convictions.

Notice Of Sale Of Land

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Carteret county, made in the special proceeding entitled W. P. P. Weeks, vs T. D. Hewitt, Mrs. A. R. Perry, and her husband C. C. Perry, W. A. Hewitt, J. C. Hewitt John A. Hewitt, I. J. Hewitt, Mrs M. S. Mills, and her husband John Mills, Mrs. B. W. Trott, and her husband Brice Trott, John Scott, Mrs. J. L. Burch, Mrs. H. M. Henderson, Mrs. E. B. Mills, Miss Callie Scott, L. A. Scott, M. E. Bell, T. D. Bell, C. F. Bell, R. R. Cook, Garrison Taylor, Josephine Adams, C. C. Bell, Izora J. Bell and her husband George Bell, Sarah F. Weeks, O. J. Weeks J. E. Weeks, Frank Russell and her husband R. S. Russell, Viola Davis and her husband Willie Davis the same being no. 429 upon the special proceeding docket of said court the undersigned commissioner will, on Monday the 6th. day of September, 1920, at 12 o'clock, M., at the court house door in Beaufort, Carteret county, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that two certain tracts of land lying and being in the county of Carteret and White Oak township, bounded and described as follows:

1st. Tract. Fifty acres (50) of wood land East of the mail road leading from White Oak road to Cedar Point road, adjoining the lands of G. B. Harris on the South and East and land of W. P. P. Weeks on the North and public road on the West, said land being in White Oak township Carteret county, North Carolina.

2nd. Tract. Known as Godfrey land on White Oak River and Caleb's creek adjoining the lands of J. E. Weeks and W. P. P. Weeks and O. J. Weeks on the East, lands known as Moss land and Caleb's creek on the North on the West and South by White Oak River and Godfrey creek, containing 100 acres, the same being in White Oak township, Carteret County, North Carolina.

Both of said tracts formerly belonging to Isaac Weeks, deceased.

Subject to the confirmation of this Court.

This 30th. day of July, 1920.

W. Hardin Harris,
8-26 Commissioner.

RABBIT PELTS IN DEMAND

Coming Winter Months.

In recent years several kinds of furs, formerly of so little value as to offer no inducement to the trapper, have increased in price, and consequently collecting them has been made profitable.

Rabbit pelts, which are extensively used by hat makers, are among these products. Formerly rabbit skins were of virtually no value; country boys who eagerly sought the fur of the skunk and the raccoon and who were even able to sell squirrel skins, thought so little of the rabbit and made so little effort to dispose of the skins that they were seldom used enough to form a pad on which they "humbled down" in the machine game.

Now, however, rabbit skins are worth something, and the country boy who will devote this winter to saving and marketing the skins of the rabbits he kills should make a comfortable sum of money.

One big eastern firm has announced that it will need 10,000,000 rabbit skins. The skins are usually sold by the pound, which will contain seven or eight skins.

Bret Harte Slapped Him.

The man who knew Bret Harte was discovered in the lobby the other morning.

"I was a devil in the shop where the Overland Monthly was printed," he began, after being identified as James H. Barry, editor of the Star, San Francisco's only Democratic paper. "Bret Harte was employed in the mint. He sent over the manuscript of 'The Luck of Roaring Camp,' and they finally decided to print it despite the objection of a sensitive lady proofreader. Somehow the proofs had to be pulled in a hurry, and the only ink available at the moment was blue. I carried the blue proofs over to Harte. He said: 'What the hell is this blue ink for? I can't read it. Haven't they got any black?'

"I was too scared to make any explanation and I got the usual reprimand administered to printers' devils in those days. Harte reached over and slapped my face. I always hated him after that."—Sun and New York Herald.

Roll a 12-Pound Nugget.

A nugget of almost pure gold, weighing 12 pounds, was recently discovered near the Charters Tower mine in Queensland, Australia. For years the Towers of Queensland, which up to the seventies was a desolate tract, too poor and sandy for sheep, has located a premier position among Australian gold fields. Levels are worked at a depth of nearly half a mile. This particular find is worth $4,000. A 12-pound nugget is no record; but in most nuggets all is not gold that glitters; a 12-pounder of "almost pure gold" is rare. The world's record nugget came from Ballarat in 1858—2,217 ounces, worth $8,868.

As It Seemed to Her.

Dorothy was taken to see the circus. She was very much interested in everything, especially the acrobats. On returning home she was excitedly giving an account of what she had seen, ending up with: "And there were some people flyin' in the air with their bathin' suits on."

Mortgage Sale

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Henry A. Pritchett and wife Mamie Pritchett to W. F. Taylor, bearing date May 7th., 1918, recorded in the office of the Registeg of Deeds of Carteret county in Book 20, Page 372, said mortgage deed being assigned and set over to Clarence Toodle by the said W. F. Taylor, said assignment being made June 13th., 1919, we the undersigned will offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder, at the courthouse door in Beaufort, Carteret county, North Carolina, for cash at 12 o'clock M., on Monday the 6th. day of September 1920, the following described property to-wit:

In White Oak township Carteret county North Carolina, described and defined as follows:

Beginning at a big short stocked pine near the public road, running North three hundred yards thru drain thence East to the branch thence South with the branch to the public road, thence West with road to the beginning containing ten (10) acres more or less, said land better known as the Abe White place.

This 30th. day of July, 1920.

Clarence Toodle
W. F. Taylor,
8-26 Assignee.

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