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MORE POWER TO THE VOTER.

The Chronicle does not believe that any city in the country has a higher general average of citizenship than has Charlotte. Our voters are intelligent and they are honest and safe.

Under the commission form of government, with the initiative, referendum and recall in operation, the voter is all-powerful. The commissioner must exercise economy, secure efficiency in all departments of the government and render good service generally or the voter may recall any who are delinquent in their duties or who can't measure up to their responsibilities.

In a city with a low order of citizenship, where intelligence is at a low ebb and no interest is manifested in public affairs the commission form might be inferior to some other form that would vest all power in the hands of mayor and aldermen. In Charlotte the reverse is true. With intelligent and patriotic and public spirited voters we certainly need have no fear of going wrong under the commission form.

The richest people on earth per capita are members of the Osage Indian nation. It is stated that these people are worth in actual cash and lands \$50,000,000 and the census shows only 2,200 Osages in the nation. The government gave each \$5,000 in cash when the lands were segregated into allotments and also 670 acres of land each, now worth approximately \$40,000,000. The average income from oil and gas royalties is a little over \$400 a year for each Indian, besides \$3 an acre per Indian from grazing land.

The school board of a town in Pennsylvania has issued an order prohibiting the teachers from dancing any night of the school week and not satisfied with this the board went farther and fixed it so that the young women could not secure a hall for their Friday night dances. These dances have been conducted by the Shering Club, an organization composed exclusively of teachers. It is natural that such indignation is expressed at the action of the school board, and threats to strike are being made by the teachers. Let the teachers strike and public sympathy will be with them. What right has any body of men to dictate what a teacher shall and shall not do after school hours so long as their conduct is above reproach? School teachers, like any other beings resent interference with their liberties.

The city of Charlotte is paying very nearly \$100,000 interest each year upon a bonded indebtedness of more than \$2,150,000 which it has been forced to assume to secure paved streets and other municipal improvements. The tax-payers of the city are under present circumstances forced to pay nearly \$200,000 annually into the treasury of Mecklenburg County, which, of course, has never found it necessary to issue bonds for the purpose of building roads and bridges and making other improvements.

Not only has the city of Charlotte largely supported the government of Mecklenburg County in the building of roads and bridges and its other activities, but it has done so during the past several years without being represented on the board of county commissioners.

The county of Mecklenburg outside of Charlotte is in exactly the same relationship with the city of Charlotte that the "pauper" counties of the State are in with the other counties which help to support them.

THE GOOD OF LIVE STOCK SHOWS.

The stock-raisers of Iredell County have been holding a live stock show at Statesville this week and a most creditable exhibit was made according to all reports. During the past few weeks similar shows and poultry shows have been held in several of the piedmont and mountain counties of the State and everywhere great improvement has been noted in the quality of cattle, hogs and other live stock shown and also an increase in the number of exhibits.

A little more than a decade ago a respectable live stock show in any North Carolina county would have been an impossibility. Then a few farmers began to realize the opportunities presented by the live stock industry and began importing a few pure breed animals. The neighbors of these were interested and other importations followed, while the herds were rapidly increased at home. Later there was a small live stock show and these exhibits had the effect of stimulating interest in the industry. In some counties now there are dozens of breeders of pure bred stock who are not only making good profits from their stock but are helping the general cause of stock raising by their influence upon others who witness their success and see their stock.

The farmers of the State are beginning to realize generally that it costs no more to raise a 1,200 to 1,600-pound Hereford or Shorthorn steer than it does to raise a scrub steer that will weigh 600 pounds. And it costs no more to raise and feed a dairy cow that will give four and five gallons of milk a day than it does to raise and feed a scrub that will return two gallons of milk a day. The live stock shows have had much to do with the development of the industry and promises to greatly influence it in the future.

PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION.

The Chronicle is today publishing an editorial from The Raleigh News and Observer, outlining several measures of progressive legislation which will be considered in the approaching General Assembly. Several of the measures advocated will undoubtedly become laws. For instance it seems certain that a law will be passed providing for a six-months school term all over the State and it is not improbable that the same law will provide for compulsory education, for which sentiment has been rapidly developing, especially during the past few months.

Some provisions will probably be made for State aid in highway work, possibly to the extent of providing for the working of State convicts upon the roads. Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes advocated working the convicts upon the roads and giving the families who have been dependent upon them some remuneration for their labor. This is eminently just and proper and will be done some day, but we fear that North Carolina is not quite ready to go quite this far. However, there is some probability that the convicts will be transferred from railroad and other construction work to the building of State highways.

THE SPUG MOVEMENT.

The Chronicle is in full sympathy with the "spug" movement, as Mrs. August Belmont terms the propaganda of the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. The immediate object of the organization, which has spread to many of the larger cities, is to put an end to the perfunctory giving of Christmas presents. The Christmastide is a joyous season and none of the pretty customs that make it such should be allowed to fall into disuse. But the giving of expensive presents merely because one is afraid the recipient of the gift is going to do likewise and when one cannot afford it—there should be an end to this sort of thing. Frequently a person who is not troubled by the lack of money embarras their less fortunate friends by giving expensive presents, the friends feeling that they must reciprocate. Of course this is not always the case, but too often it is. Everyone should be as liberal as they feel like and should spread joy over as wide a circle as possible, but they should also exercise discretion and be sure that it is joy that they bring to the recipient of every gift they give.

Apropos nothing in particular it may be remarked that one of the finest weekly papers in North Carolina is edited and managed by two ladies, Misses Euna Clum Atwood and Miss Kate Griswold, editor and manager respectively of The Southport News, which lives up to its motto, "Independent in Politics, Fearless in Policy." The News is easily one of Southport's most valuable assets, and it is what might be termed a "quick" asset, too.

Harry Lehr, the monkey of the New York Times, declares that he has left America for all time. Now if we can stamp out smallpox and tuberculosis and pellagra and hookworm we will have an ideal country sure enough.

Booker of the Greenville Piedmont declares that "Gris should not kiss a man without reason." No, girls, be sure to kiss a nice fellow with plenty of gray matter.

If Charlotte had had a civic league as live as the Greater Charlotte Club it would have had a commission form of government already and would not now be paying nearly \$200,000 annually for the building of roads and bridges in the county while issuing bonds for building city streets and bridges or else doing without them.

Some Congressmen defend the 20 cents mileage allowance by declaring that the amount enables Congressmen to take their families to Washington and that the morals of the members is best conserved by this course. Men whose morals require such protection have no business in Congress.

Don't try to fight a woman's organization unless you have some women lined up with you. See what happened to those Philadelphia egg dealers who tried to buck the Philadelphia Housekeepers' League.

Those Kansas women who have been summoned for jury duty are beginning to learn that there is more to citizenship than the right to talk politics and vote.

ODDS AND ENDS.

London has over ninety thousand deaf residents.

A new roofing material is steel coated with lead.

A clothes brush that plays a tune while being used is a novelty.

American chewing gum is now being sold in all large cities in Germany.

Miss Rosie Kelley, Batesville, Ark., has a trunk once owned by George Washington.

The demand for their hides in South Africa is met by matching alligators in incubators.

Clevelanders are talking of having a roof top launched at the city hall building.

New York schools are warning children against the practice of roller skating in the streets.

No ship is allowed to pass through the Suez Canal without a searchlight of a specified type.

Grass stains may be removed from washable fabrics by rubbing with fresh lard before washing.

Wages in Japan have risen 50 per cent in ten years and the cost of living has jumped 33 per cent.

In the first seven months this year Germany exported 20,000,000 filament electric lamps.

A mathematical genius has figured that 25,344,000 soap bubbles can be made from a pound of soap.

Pittsburg women are advocating the opening of "curbstone markets" to cut the cost of living.

RADIANT REFLECTIONS.

BY HENRY BLOOM.

A Wilson boy has become insanely in love with a very fat girl who weighs three hundred pounds. We presume he was in-fat-uated with her "wimpy" weighs, and yielded to her "souful" size.

An old bachelor, upon hearing that a young Wilson boy called on his "best girl," the evening before and sat up until 12 o'clock with only one chair in the room, said that was impossible unless one of them stood up. Upon hearing this remark a very brilliant and up-to-date young lady said that "the ignorance and stupidity of old bachelors were indeed most amazing and astonishing."

Howard Rowe has donned the official robe of sheriff of Wilson County, and we know he will wear it gracefully and without a wrinkle of dishonesty, for he is the soul of honor, the exponent of honesty and the embodiment of loftiest integrity.

Wilson Superior Court for the trial of the criminal docket will convene on Monday, the able and learned Judge Justice will preside. The most important case and around which the deepest and intensest interest is centered is that of Mr. Belmont for killing his wife by shooting her to death. He will be most ably defended by some legal giants, most prominent of whom is that great criminal lawyer, the Hon. John E. Woodard.

The prosecution will be in strong and powerful hands, for the able solicitor Allsbrook will be most effectively aided by that brilliant lawyer, Will A. Lucas, one of the most thrilling and electrifying speakers in the State. And so in the trial of that case there will be a battle royal between legal giants.

And our thoughts are upon legal giants we will refer to a crown-jewel in the realm of eloquence and oratory and dramatic impressiveness. A highly intellectual gentleman with fine discriminating judgment, and who had been a Superior Court clerk for ten years and who had heard the ablest lawyers in the State, told us that the Hon. Frank Sprull of Rocky Mount was the greatest lawyer he had ever heard.

We heard that he was to defend the Atlantic Coast Line in a suit for a large amount of damages we determined to hear the case and study him closely. And never have we seen a case managed with more adroit tactfulness, and with more high skill and such mastery of ability. And in his argument we never heard loftier flights of sublimed eloquence or more electrifying outbursts of soul-moving oratory. In his towering intellectual power and in the tenderness of his sympathies he reminds us of a huge, grand, lofty giant oak tree—the very monarch of the forest, capable in its massive strength and titanic power of resisting the most furious sweep of the wildest storms, yet holding in the leafy recesses of its umbrageous boughs a nesting place where mother birds can safely brood her tender young, and teach them their first sweet notes in the minstrelsy of song.

And we know this tribute to one of the intellectual giants of the age will be read with deep interest by many people in Charlotte, for his brilliant and accomplished daughter married a high-toned and elegant citizen of Charlotte, and the withery of her wondrous fascination and seductive graces have made her the host of admirers in her new home—the very City of the South, beautiful, progressive, wide-awake Charlotte.

Compulsory Education. (Spartanburg Herald.) After all the things that to be desired is an intelligent citizenship. The Spartanburg grand jury has distinguished itself and reflected credit upon the county by its recent recommendation in favor of compulsory education as a means of reducing crime. And compulsory education is not only a means of reducing crime, but it is a means of enriching the people and of preparing a developing individual who may con-

North Carolina Daily Incidents, Facts and Comment Gathered From The Newspapers Of The State.

A SANATORIUM FOR PELLAGRA.

Dr. E. H. Bowling Will Erect a Hospital For Pellagra Patients at Durham. (Durham Sun.) Plans for the building of a pellagra sanatorium have nearly been completed by Dr. E. H. Bowling, and should nothing come up to interfere with the work on the building will begin within the next few weeks. For several months Dr. Bowling has been fostering a great desire to erect a sanatorium for pellagra patients, and thinks that he now has everything readied for the building. The site for the hospital has been picked in the western suburbs of the city, near the new Watts Hospital.

While there has been but few pellagra cases in the city within the past few weeks, any one or two deaths from the disease, there are cases being reported from other cities nearby. Up until the present time there are only a few pellagra sanatoriums in the country, the need for them not being known. However, last year an epidemic of pellagra started in this city, and for several weeks careful and rigid investigations were made to determine the cause and origin. The best that any of the physicians could find out was that it has known in this county only within the past few years. The people of this city, why, the physicians became very anxious over the situation, and with hard work and after many deaths the epidemic was over.

A CHARITY HOSPITAL.

The Civic League of Durham Raising Funds to Build Sanatorium For Tubercular Patients. (Durham Sun.) The civic league is this afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Foushee and discussed ways and means for the building of a sanatorium for consumption. In fact, the movement was launched at this time, and this afternoon, and the members are greatly enthused over the prospects. The idea of the ladies is to build a hospital not to cost less than \$10,000 in this city, and let it be used for tubercular patients. The hospital will be a free institution and will be equipped in the most modern and up-to-date manner.

That a sanatorium for the consumption of this city has been a need for years is well known, and as no others would launch a movement to get it, the civic league has undertaken the task. The plans for the sanatorium have been well laid, and the people of this city, why, the movement should drop, should the people of Durham respond as they always do to a worthy cause.

Wadeboro Man Loses Two Children.

(Messenger and Intelligencer.) Mrs. M. J. Coppedge has just received a telegram from her son, Mr. P. N. Coppedge of Little Rock, Ark., saying that her two children were overcome by gas and died last night, and that his wife was in a serious condition but is expected to live. Mr. Coppedge left Wadeboro several years ago, and married in Arkansas. He has not visited his relatives here, and were here, if we mistake not, less than two years ago. The little children were both girls, probably three and five years of age.

Cleaning Up Concord.

(Concord Tribune.) The city health authorities performed a good service yesterday when they started a force of hands to work cleaning up the back streets of the city. Much rubbish and oftentimes filthy garbage collects in such places and it is well that the authorities gave the matter attention before the real winter weather comes. The cleaning is advisable while the weather is such as to permit the trash to be hauled away readily.

The New Road Into Fayetteville.

(The Observer.) The Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad is here! Yesterday the cross-ties and rails were laid down Worth street nearly to the point where the track turns into the city. The engine and dump cars were run over the same. We understand that the first regular train over the road from Aberdeen to Fayetteville will roll in here on December 23.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

This a Good Thing to Observe Condition of Roads—York County Folks Admired. (Rock Hill Herald.) During the present winter citizens of York County will have ample opportunity to ascertain just how bad the roads of this county can become. It is not probable that they will be in worse condition than in previous years, but they will be as bad as ever before, perhaps. It is strange that with this object lesson before them for several months in each year the people of York County have not yet determined to take some practical steps toward bettering the condition. Some of the public road mileage of the county is being improved, it is true, by the changing, but how long will it require to build modern roads in the county. By this method? Nobody is able to answer the question with exactness, but it is safe to predict that few people now living will ever see all the roads in the county modernized under the present system.

There is but one way to secure good roads in this generation and that is to sell a half-million or million dollars worth of bonds and have macadamized roads constructed by contract. Every intelligent and well-informed citizen knows this to be a fact. Those who take issue with this fact merely lay in information in regard to road building in these latter days. However, the concrete question is simply, shall we go on for generations enduring bad roads or take the necessary and proper steps to secure good roads? Like every other problem relating to the public welfare, this question is up to the people.

SPARKLERS.

(Charleston News and Courier.) A lovely woman is dangerous, but not so dangerous as her hatpin. (New York Sun.) First Little Suffragette—Don't you want a little dolly that talks? Second Little Suffragette—No, I want one that breaks windows. (Judge.) Mrs. Justed—Just think of it, dearest one. Twenty-five years from day before yesterday will be our silver anniversary. (Baltimore American.) "Has your friend any historic aspirations?" "Oh, he don't bother any about history. He wants to be an actor." (Baltimore American.) New Minister—How do you like my sermon this morning? Enthusiastic Enthusiaster—It was simply grandiose. (Puck.) Lawyer—My retaining fee will be \$500. Prisoner (in call for market)—Gee, it costs a lot to live nowadays. (Giant and Pigmy.) They called him Punny Pepper, because he was, besides being one of the smallest, one of the most peppery officers in the regiment. To see him throwing out his \$2-inch chest was to be reminded of the frog in the table. One day, in a particularly tropical temper, he accented the regimental band and began to abuse him. For a while the huge private listened in silence. He was of such comeliness and took them with philippic rained. But at last he grew weary, and called to a fat he grew private: "Bill, go and fetch a ladder, will you? I believe he wants to box my ears."

AFTER THE TIGERS.

Detectives Round Up Bell-Boys in Greensboro Hotels. (Greensboro Record.) A detective from the Southern Detective Agency of Raleigh has worked for the past week in Greensboro on the retelling of whiskey and in a round-up last night several men were arrested by the police. In the raid were several negro employees of local hotels, from all of whom the detective alleged he purchased whiskey. A large quantity of the alcoholic goods was brought into court as evidence in the trials held this morning before Judge N. L. Euse.

In handling the cases before him in which convictions were secured, the municipal court judge showed that he was in earnest in his avowed intention of helping to end the selling of whiskey in Greensboro. No fines were allowed, his honor holding that stiff road sentences to a convicted is the only way that will ever be successful in deterring men from handling whiskey contrary to the law. Defendants today in every case asked for fines, intimating that they were preparing to pay, but their pleas were unavailing.

Norfolk Southern May Be Interested.

(Raleigh News and Observer.) The Carolina Railroad Company, chartered by the Secretary of State yesterday afternoon, will take over the lumber road built by the Hines Bros. Lumber Company of Kingston from that city to Snow Hill, Greene County, a distance of 85 miles. From the persons of the incorporators the inference is drawn that the Norfolk Southern has acquired the property, which was built not only as a lumber road, but to do the business of a common carrier. The road has been in operation about five years. The authorized capital is \$175,000 and the incorporators are C. I. Millard, J. C. Helms, Jr., M. E. Hawkins, B. A. Black, W. M. Manly, Northolt, Va., and J. W. M. Hayes of Kingston.

Attempt to Dynamite Church.

(Burlington News.) An attempt was made one night last week to dynamite the Lutheran Church near Gibsonville. A young man by the name of Summers happened to pass the church after midnight and noticed two men working under the church, using a flashlight to illuminate their work. He ran. Securing help, he investigated and found that a large hole had been made in the foundation of the church and it is supposed they were preparing to use dynamite.

The Town of St. Paul.

(Wagram Correspondent in Laurinburg Exchange.) Your correspondent returned a few days ago from a delightful visit to St. Paul, N. C., where he was surprised to find the town growing to a town of about 15 stores and a population of 600 to 700 inhabitants, a good citizenship, a good hotel, two well equipped physicians, a live newspaper, a good high school, three churches, and three progressive pastors, are some of the factors that helped to make St. Paul the good town it is.

Arrested For Selling City Water.

(High Point Enterprise.) Jim Bryant, a negro man living on Beulah road, was arrested by Patrolman McGee for selling city water. The negro was paying \$1 a month flat rate, and it is alleged that he sold fifteen negro families in the vicinity.

No New Discovery.

(Durham Herald.) The Legislature has been Democratic for several years and everybody of course understands that if the party had wanted an anti-law with teeth it could have had it.

TAXES! TAXES!

It is absolutely necessary that I should collect the State and County taxes promptly. In order that I may make the required settlement with the State and County, I will be glad to pay to the county funds, with which to carry on its business.

I, therefore, give notice that all taxes must be paid on or before January 1st, 1913, and that the State will require that after that date, any enforcement such collections by process of law.

I hope my friends will pay up and enable me to avoid this disagreeable necessity. N. W. WALLACE, Sheriff Mecklenburg County, N. C., Nov. 28, 1912. 23-464t

AMENDED NOTICE

\$550,000 State of North Carolina Refunding Bonds. Dated January 1st, 1913. Payable January 1st, 1913, without prior option. Interest four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, January 1st and July 1st. Both principal and interest payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. The undersigned State Treasurer will receive sealed bids at his office in Raleigh, North Carolina, for said bonds until 12 o'clock M. Tuesday, December 17, 1912, on blank forms which will be furnished, together with full information by the undersigned or Chief Clerk, Marshall & Reed, attorneys, 100 Broadway, New York, whose favorable opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

These bonds are tax exempt in North Carolina and may be deducted in appraising shares in banks for taxation to the extent that the surplus of the bank is invested therein. B. T. LACY, State Treasurer.

From The Chatelaine's Point Of View.

BY J. P. B.

That was a good and gracious ruling of Postmaster Hitchcock in regard to the disposition of letters written to Santa Claus, and while it will accomplish much it must fall far short of the beneficent purpose in view. If the charitable benevolent societies of a city would avail themselves of a simple device the Chatelaine once saw in a large department store it would prove a very easy and effective method of reaching not only the little ones and making them happy, but the parents as well, whose identity and needs could be ascertained in no other way.

This arrangement was a little place cut off and supplied with a sham telephone fixture over the entrance to which in large letters was the legend, "Children's Direct Telephone to Santa Claus; come in and phone early for what you wish him to bring you." This should be largely advertised in the local papers. The benevolent societies should have a keeper of the telephone booth on hand to take down the names and addresses of the poorer children as well as the articles they desire. The Chatelaine has seen the mothers of the well-to-do children were always on hand and made a note of what the little tots asked for, so that there would be no disappointment. But the place has been so far from the idea once got abroad in the city that free telephonic communication could be had with Santa Claus, lots of poor people too proud to be grand yet too generous to be stingy, would have indulged a simple pleasure which other kind hearts were ready and anxious to bestow would most gladly let their little ones avail themselves of this means of making their wishes known. It might be emphasized that those who wanted clothes and food would be as tenderly cared for by Santa Claus as those who wished for only toys. Any child's heart as well as the heart of the free advertising and would doubtless supply the keeper of the telephone booth provided a fair proportion of the articles bought for the children were returned.

It seems a great pity that the pride of life and the lust of the eye should have made the visitations of Santa Claus such costly and sumptuous occasions, but the price has been so high that the standard has been fixed, and there is no possibility of returning to simpler conditions when a rag doll with inked features brought as much rapture to the child's heart as the ever-lipped, "mamma and papa" to a skillfully administered pressure upon the solar plexus. It must cost the good old saint almost as much to make a list of the summing up of his resources to enable him to adjust the contents of his sack to the demands which—ever increasing sumptuousness and extravagance—Christmas morning brings. He almost sees him tugging at his beard or scratching his bald head under the edges of his fur cap trying all he knows how to make Marie, Jane and Edith, Christmas morning, be made to smile and desirable to her as little Edith Gwendolen Faunteroy's gifts appear to her. By his arithmetic as well as according to his bank account, the cost of the two sets of gifts and he shakes his head in sad acceptance of the fact, but being a philosopher as well as a saint he is comforted in the thought that Marie, Jane and Edith Gwendolen fate and fashion hath fixed an impassable gulf and neither will ever know what the other received, so he goes on his smiling way doing as he is bid.

So far the old adage, so soon to be numbered with the things that were, shows no alarming signs of solemnity in its legislation; on the contrary a wholesome discrimination and enlightened conservatism mark its actions especially in declining to create another pauper class by pensioning future ex-presidents to the tune of \$25,000 per annum and in refusing to award Mr. Taft a pension. Very well, but the old adage, so soon to be numbered with the things that were, shows no alarming signs of solemnity in its legislation; on the contrary a wholesome discrimination and enlightened conservatism mark its actions especially in declining to create another pauper class by pensioning future ex-presidents to the tune of \$25,000 per annum and in refusing to award Mr. Taft a pension. 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