

# THE MEBANE LEADER

And Right The Day Must Win, To Doubt Would be Disloyalty To Falter Would be Sin.

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Misses Katherine Davidson and Mollie Scott who have been composers in the Leader office for several years, have resigned their positions. Miss Davidson retires from the work, while Miss Scott will enter King's Business College. Both these young ladies have been faithful and efficient in their work and the Leader wishes them well.

## Mr. Crawford at The Throttle Next Week.

The next edition of the Mebane Leader will be edited altogether by associate editor Crawford. Mr. Deese and family left Wednesday for the eastern part of the State to spend the holidays.

## Xmas Festivities at Hawfields Dec. 24th.

There will be a Xmas tree and treat for the Sunday school at the Hawfield's Church in the afternoon of Dec. 24th, at night a Box Party will be given for the benefit of the Domestic Science class of the Hawfield's High School, at the school building. The public is cordially invited to attend these celebrations and the girls are all expected to contribute boxes for the Box Party.

## A Roller Mill For Mebane.

Messrs. L. A. Crawford and R. C. Harris, are working up a stock company for a roller mill at Mebane. Nothing in our opinion could do more just now to help the farmers and the business of Mebane than this enterprise. Every large wheat grower and business man in and around the town ought to be glad to take stock, because not only of its convenience but of its prospects of making money for investors.

## Noah Biggs Gives Much to Orphans

\$85,000 bequest in his will to children of the Thomasville Orphanage. \$20,000 for Meredith, Wake Forest remembered with \$5,000 Baptist State Convention \$15,000 and large sums to other benevolences. Left fortune of quarter million. The life of this good man goes to show to us that those who practice giving are always blessed in a very large way and generally have something to give.

## Jury List for January

Term of Court, 1915. Convenes Jan. 18th. Two weeks civil term.

### FIRST WEEK

- T. G. McIntyre No. 4 R. F. D. Ray No. 6 L. B. Gross No. 12 J. J. Lankford No. 9 Hanrey Newlin No. 3 G. L. Ray No. 11 S. G. Moore No. 12 W. F. Ireland No. 12 J. H. Morgan No. 8 D. H. Thompson No. 8 Don E. Scott No. 6 D. F. Foust No. 6 E. E. McAdams No. 6 Jas. F. Barber No. 4 C. E. Morrow Jr. No. 9 R. L. Love No. 12 D. H. Lashley No. 1 L. V. Hecomson No. 12 H. R. Tickle No. 3 J. A. Hamilton No. 12 J. H. Woods No. 13 J. R. Allred 13 Sam Lineberry No. 5 Arlindo Norwood No. 6 E. C. Turner No. 10 R. L. Clapp No. 6 W. D. Whitesell No. 3 Geo. T. Morrow No. 9.

### SECOND WEEK

- J. Henry Blackmon Jr. No. 13 W. A. Buliss No. 1 D. S. Richmond No. 12 A. P. Roney No. 8 C. H. Dickey No. 5 L. F. Apple No. 4 F. J. Loy No. 12 W. H. Anderson No. 13 R. M. Morrow No. 12 E. C. Porterfield No. 13 Floyd Rogers No. 9 John M. Coble No. 1 J. N. May No. 13 R. L. Barnwell No. 12 Jas. C. McCulloch No. 4 J. L. Jones No. 1 L. L. Blaylock No. 6 M. N. Councilman No. 5 J. W. Summers No. 4 John H. Miles No. 10 B. J. Williams No. 9 Curry Conklin No. 12 W. J. Florence No. 6 Chas. F. Thompson No. 9 A. A. Russell No. 1 B. A. Burke No. 9 J. W. Newlin No. 9 A. E. Alexander No. 1.

Thought the gifts of the mind are infinite, they can, it seems to me, be thus classified. There are some so beautiful that every one can see and feel their beauty. There are some lovely, it is true, but which are wearisome. There are some which are lovely, which all the world admires, but without knowing why. There are some so refined and delicate that few are capable of remarking all their beauties. There are others which, though imperfect, yet are produced with such skill, and sustained and managed with such grace, that they even deserve to be admired.—La Rochefoucauld.

## HARRY THAW CASE IN SUPREME COURT TO BE DISTRIBUTED

### Request of New York for Extradition is Taken Under Advisement

A few days ago the request of the state of New York for extradition of Harry K. Thaw from New Hampshire to answer an indictment charging conspiracy to obstruct justice by escaping from Matteawan asylum was taken under consideration by the United States Supreme court after oral arguments. Members of the court asked Thaw's attorneys many questions about various points in their contentions. They did not interrupt William Travers Jerome, however, during his argument, that Thaw was a fugitive from justice nor challenge the argument of Franklin Kennedy, deputy attorney general of New York, that the law under which Thaw was committed to Matteawan after the killing of Stanford White was constitutional.

Chief Justice White asked his first question when Philander C. Knox, former secretary of state appearing for Thaw, argued that only those who had committed crimes could be extradited and that New York courts had held it, five decisions that Thaw had committed no crime because he was insane. The chief justice suggested that a man might be declared insane one day and sane the next. Mr. Knox replied that the presumption was that Thaw remained insane.

William A. Stone, former governor of Pennsylvania, was interrogated closely by most of the judges during his argument that the indictment of Thaw for conspiracy was not valid. The question led Mr. Stone to the position that the indictment stated Thaw was insane showing on its face that he could not commit a crime.

"Does the indictment state Thaw is insane?" inquired Justice McKenna.

"It says he was in an insane asylum," responded Mr. Stone.

"If Thaw's automobile had broken down on his journey could he have been indicted for stealing another?" insisted the justice.

"Not if the indictment set out he was insane."

Justice Pitney suggested a person might be in an insane asylum and yet have lucid moments.

"The burden is on the state to show he had become sane," declared the attorney.

## State Treasury in Need of Funds.

Treasurer Lacy is just now up against a hard proposition. The auditor this week mailed out pension warrants to the ex-Confederate soldiers and their widows amounting to \$491,712, and these needy one will proceed to cash in the last one of them in time to get the money for Christmas.

According to the report of the legislative committee made public yesterday, there is on hand in the State Treasury, \$164,572.23 which falls short \$327,139.77 or being enough to cash these pension warrants, in addition to the other running expenses of the State which must be provided for.

Treasurer Lacy has sent out a hurry call to the one hundred sheriffs in the State asking them to make an extra effort to collect taxes and send him the funds. Already he has received a number of responses, and it is very likely that something like \$100,000 will be sent him between now and Christmas. Owing to the depressed cotton market, the sheriffs are having a difficult time in making collections of taxes and this accounts for the deficiency.

In former years by this time a number of sheriffs had made complete settlement for the year with the Treasurer, but this year not a single one has passed under the wire.

But Treasurer Lacy is calm and serene, and with a smiling face says that a way will be provided to take care of the pension warrants and other expenses of the State. And he knows whereof he speaks.

The budget of the Rockefeller Foundation shows an expenditure of one million dollars for Belgian relief, two and a half millions for medical research and two hundred and twenty-five thousand for the purchase of 85,000 acres of land in Louisiana to be used as a bird refuge. Money would have to be tainted, indeed, which did not lose its taint when devoted to such worthy objects.

## COTTON LOAN FUND TO BE DISTRIBUTED

### Mr. Joseph G. Brown Explains Working of Proposed Plan

Mr. Joseph G. Brown, chairman of the cotton loan fund committee for the State of North Carolina, has returned from Washington where he attended a meeting of the cotton loan fund committee with the chairman of the committees from the various cotton States.

Mr. Brown says that all but one or two of the Southern States were represented, and that the representatives from these States approved the plan which had been formulated by the cotton loan fund committee, and are now ready to put it in operation.

All the \$100,000,000 which was to be subscribed outside of the cotton States, has been provided for, and \$65,000,000 of this fund already signed up. The balance of this subscription will be signed up during this week and the funds will then be available.

The central committee in charge of this matter consists of the individual members of the Federal Reserve Board. They selected what is known as the cotton loan committee, headed by W. P. G. Harding, chairman, the only other member of the Federal Reserve Board who is serving on this committee being Paul M. Warburg. The other members of this committee are Albert H. Wiggin, New York; James S. Alexander, New York; Jas. S. Forgan, Chicago; Festus J. Wade, St. Louis; Levi L. Rue, Philadelphia, and William A. Gaston, Boston, who represent particularly the subscribers to the \$100,000,000.

This committee appointed the State committees, which in turn appointed the local committees. No subscriptions are asked from the cotton States other than that the local bank, through which applications for loans may be forwarded, shall subscribe to 25 per cent of the loan asked for.

The process will be as follows: The party who wishes to borrow will store his cotton in an approved warehouse, present his warehouse certificate to his local bank with his signed application for a loan. This application must be approved by the local committee and then forwarded to the State committee for its approval. If next goes to the central committee for their approval and check is issued for the proceeds on a basis of six cents a pound for middling cotton. The quantity of cotton offered must supply a margin of 20 per cent above the full amount of the proposed loan.

With the application, the local bank must forward a check on New York for one-fourth of the amount of the loan wanted, and for this amount a class B certificate will be issued, bearing six per cent. Subscribers to the \$100,000,000 have what is known as class A certificates, bearing six per cent. The local bank must guarantee the interest on the loan. From the proceeds of the loan will be deducted three per cent of the amount, which will be held by the committee as a guarantee for expenses and against possible losses. Every possible safeguard is being thrown around the business of the syndicate so as to make it practically impossible to sustain loss.

It is estimated that expenses will not amount to more than one-eighth of one per cent.

Any member of the State committee will be glad to furnish information to parties who wish to borrow.—News and Observer.

## An Inch of Rain.

An inch of rain strikes one as very little. But it is really a big rain fall.

When an inch of rain has fallen, it means, literally, that the amount of water descending from the sky in that particular shower would cover the surrounding territory to a depth of one inch, providing, of course, that it did not run away or soak into the ground.

It means that on one acre water enough to fill more than 60 barrels of 5 gallons each has fallen. This quantity of water weighs more than 10 tons. If the rain storm covered a territory comprising a thousand acres, which would be a very small shower, 13,000 tons of water would fall from the clouds. Rain storms frequently cover whole States and often pour five inches of water fall in one rain. In this case the total number of tons of water falling to earth is enormous.

He is a fool who does not avoid the place where last he broke his nose.—Russian Proverb.

## In Memoriam

On Nov. 19th, 1914, death took little Velma Grace McCauley aged 15 years from this cold world, into a home more bright beyond where we neither die or sleep, took her there of whom our hearts were and left us lonely here to weep.

Our readers perhaps remember the tragic death of this fair sweet girl whose young life was suddenly crushed beneath the wheels of a train. Little did the fond mother dream as she saw her precious daughter go forth to her work, that in a few short hours her body would be returned crushed and mangled. Velma was a dear, sweet girl and always had a smile and a kind word for each and every one she met. In her short pure and spotless life she had brought much sunshine into the lives of others and every one who knew this dear little girl loved her. Many tears of sorrow were shed by friends when they heard of her tragic death. Skilled physicians and trained nurses did all in human power to save her. But God willed Velma. His hand was not complete without her. No tears or groans escaped her. She bore her sufferings with angelic sweetness. Her only worry was about her mother.

When her mangled and crushed little body was borne into her home, her first words were with a smile, "Mama don't be frightened I am hurt, but I am all right so don't worry about me." And her last words to the dear heart-broken mother were "Mama I am perfectly all right." Who can surmise that soul-crushed mother's feeling as she stood by her darling child and watched the sweet life ebbing away and powerless to prevent it. "Oh God thou alone knowest how hard it was to part with dear Velma, she so young and promising just budding into girlhood, the comfort and joy of a fond mother, whose heart lies crushed and bleeding under this visitation. One less on earth. Its pains sorrows and toils to share, one less the daily cross to bear, one more the crown of glory to wear. "So weep not father, mother, sisters, brothers your dear one has only gone before to wait for you on that "Bright Shore" Velma leaves father, mother, three sisters and two brothers to mourn their loss. It fills our heart with sadness when we think of the promise of this young life crushed out so suddenly of the grief stricken home where her presence was an inspiration and a joy of the desolate broken, hearted mother whose cross is so hard to bear.

How sweet she looked as she lay in the matchless stillness of death. We almost caught a vision of angels and heavenly radiance a smile of such unearthly beauty rested on the pale young brow. Her remains were interred in Betheden church yard and her grave covered with flowers. May God comfort the love ones left behind and may they meet their dear one where no tears are shed.

## Beef Cattle Industry

There was a great emphasis placed by Secretary of Agriculture Houston in his address at Aberdeen on Wednesday before the Sand Hills Farmer's Association upon the vast possibilities of the beef cattle industry in North Carolina. He presented the matter in such shape as to add to the arguments presented from many quarters that the State can make progress that will help by engaging on a larger scale than heretofore in this important enterprise.

There is no doubt but that the State has excellent opportunities for the production of beef cattle, and especially do the Piedmont section and the mountain region of the west make possible the raising of feeders and to some extent the fattening of cattle, while east of the Piedmont section are such that cattle can be profitably fattened if there is a judicious use made of the foods available. This problem of fattening at present naturally centers around the cost of feed and the supply of fattening feed.

It was the view of Secretary Houston that North Carolina should use all the cotton seed meal which it produces to feed to cattle, and he declared that this could not be done until corn is grown more extensively than at present to balance the ration, that the corn should be fed either as grain or in the form of silage, and that no farm in the State where cattle are kept should be without a silo. North Carolina is increasing its yield of corn and work in this should continue for we make no mistake in raising corn, or any food stuff, Holding, and truly, that under normal conditions the production of beef cattle and their fattening can be made profitable to the State. Secretary Houston held again the correct view that distant farm market is a serious problem, but

## Witty Dixie Girl Write

Miss Nell R. Lee, once referred to by General D. H. Young at the Confederate reunion as the "wittiest girl in Dixie," has waxed amusing again, and succeeded in winning a prize offered by the Evening Journal of Richmond for the best answer to the question, "Should a man in a business elevator remove his hat when there are ladies present?"

Thousands of answers were received and included among them were samples of all types of personality and varieties of essay-writing genius. Some of the correspondents went into the history of the hat and the influence of the hat on the mind of the man who became a man of letters, and many became highly original in their every man who ever had the tenacity to even carry a hat into a building where helpless women were gazing at the thought of continued impoliteness! Miss Lee's answer was brief and to the point, and reads as follows:

"Voteless Sister, when in this land of chivalry, bounded on the north by Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay, it becomes necessary to use a device to compel a man to do what he should do from its perch when women are present in elevators, it behooves us to have an unwritten law on the matter, wherever we let us take the matter in our own hands, and decide that man who does not lift his hat in an elevator when women are present in either the secret wearers of a toppe, and the Venus de Milo, armless. In this way the omnipresent vanity of man will assert itself, and the vexed problem will be settled for all time to our complete satisfaction, and a Virginia needed never blush for her sons."

## A Nebraska Girl's Christmas Riddle

The following Christmas riddle was prepared by Samilla Edholm, a 12-year old Omaha girl, and the daughter of Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, the secretary of the Nebraska Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Guess it if you can.

First of all, I am a small piece of paper nearly one inch square, and I carry on my back something which will make me stick closer to you than a sand burr. My face is red and green and white as all things should be at Christmas-time, and I remind you of snow and sleighs and Christmas trees and Santa Claus I am very neat and trim, for I am scalloped all the way round my edge like Christmas cookies, and there are now over 100,000,000 of me in almost every State, in fact all over this country there are people who know me and send for me to come and help them make their friends happy.

You may burn, tear, cut me up, or throw me away, but altogether I may be destroyed my meaning never can be lost. It is something that will last forever, and it is stamped right on my face, where you can see it, the first thing. It has helped many, many people, and it will help many more.

I bring happiness and cheer to every place I go besides the pleasures of the givers, when they wrap up their Christmas packages and then put my little face where it will be seen. I am usually put on the back of the package right beside the name of my sender, but I am also found on the inside, too.

I was born about the first of August, but you don't see me until December, when I make my first appearance. By New York's Day I shall have spread my wings and flown away and you won't see me again till next year at about this time. Then I shall appear again with a smiling, cheerful face, but just a little bit changed, for you know that will be a year later, and age changes one's face quite considerably.

At What Cost

Postmaster General Eubank in his annual report declares that for the first time since Benjamin Franklin organized the postal service under the Continental Congress, the Postoffice Department has been securely placed upon a self-sustaining basis.

Taken at its face value, this statement is both gratifying and encouraging, but is it altogether certain that it is entitled to be so accepted? Has the result effected been brought about with due regard for, or at the expense of justice to the railroads in the matter of proper remuneration for carrying the mails, which have largely and steadily increased in bulk since the inauguration of the parcel post? If the former, then Postmaster General Eubank has every right to point to the accomplishment with just pride, and the public to view it with general gratification; if the latter, then exactly the contrary is the case.

## Prize Letters

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## The Wily Chinese

A friend of mine has just returned from a remote part of China, where he has been having a railway built. He tells me the big difficulty was the getting of Chinamen, over which of course no railway is supposed to run. At the outset it looked as if the line, by avoiding these, would become a straight line as a rainbow. Then he conceived the notion of buying up graves that lay on the coming line of route. The wily Chinese were equal to him, for they dug up the bones of their ancestors and planted them ahead of the line of advance. My friend fears that often he paid three times for the same old bones, but ultimately he completed the railway, which now runs in a perfectly straight line except for the first mile or two.

## Many Empty Seats in French Parliament

There will be a number of empty seats in both houses when the French parliament meets on December 22. Those of Senator Emile Raymond, and Deputies Pierre Gagnon, Edouard Nordet and Paul Proust, who were killed in battle, will be absent in their places.

There are a number of senators and deputies in the territory occupied by German and French government has been trying to communicate with them through the Spanish embassy in Berlin, but as far as success is concerned it is nil.

Among the members is one of the deans of the senate, the academician, Alfred Messier. Others include Senators Charles Noel, Georges St. Etienne, Charles de Sebelin, Edouard Deloy, Gustave Drom and Auguste Potier who are mayors of the cities they represent in parliament, and remained, at their posts.

Deputy Paschal, a territorial lieutenant in the active French army, has been taken prisoner at Mauthausen, Austria. The mayor of Lens, will also be absent as he is believed to have been snatched by the Germans, and sent to the same place.

If dancing should be a part of the program, and bridge whist, and other games, no longer would we score the lack to. But rather foot the score.

The New York Sun, in its issue of the 22nd inst., has a list of the names of the great

NOTICE  
Lost Dog English Pointer Brown spotted with end of tail cut off. If found please notify my man

Dr. J. H. Hurdle.