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The French heavyweight champion, now at the front, and reported alive, continues to manifest his ability to stay in the ring.

The submarine and big armament matters will not be "settled" until the commencement debaters turn their guns loose on the momentous questions. Then it may be said that solutions galore will be available.

A contemporary, whose subscription price is \$1.00 a year, advertises in a recent issue a special offer of the paper until January 1, 1917, for \$1.00. We imagine the prospective subscribers will prefer to avail themselves of the regular offer and get a full year.

The manner of the wardens of Sing Sing of late, when a criminal is executed, looks very much like they were running from their jobs. We believe, however, that we would do likewise if we were in the warden's shoes, and we are very thankful that we are not.

Those who would have Mayor Woodward of Atlanta recalled lost out two to one. Woodward, in spite of his much alleged meanness, seems to have a strangle-hold on the electorate of the Georgia capital city, and the opponents have failed in every effort to break it.

France has ordered the commander of the cruiser Descartes to be less active in stopping American ships plying the South American and West Indies trade. This overzealous lieutenant was forming the habit of halting our ships and searching them for Germans. We apprehend that France had visions that Admirals Fletcher or Mayo might happen along with one of the American dreadnaughts and escort the little cruiser into some nearby harbor for "safekeeping" if a check were not put on its obnoxious activity.

The Tar Heel folk, without regard to party affiliations are giving their endorsement to the efforts of the North Carolina congressional delegation in behalf of Judge William E. Allen of the State Supreme Court, for the vacancy on the nation's highest tribunal. The Wake County Bar is reported to have given a unanimous endorsement, Republicans as well as Democrats joining in. That is as it should be. The Free Press is opposed to the principle of the spoils system and certainly when it would be applied to the appointment of members of the highest court in the land. Judge Allen would fill the place made vacant by the death of the distinguished Georgian, Justice Lamar, well and his friends are sanguine of his appointment.

That health campaigns are effective is borne out most strikingly in the record of the work of the United States Public Health Service in Orange county against typhoid fever. Special attention is being given to the eradication of this terrible scourge in the rural districts of the country, and as a result of the activities in that particular community the past fiscal year, the number of cases was reduced from 59 to 17, as compared with the previous year. The Free Press believes that it is worth while to spend the public money where results of that character are secured; and it believes that a few hundred dollars expended in Lenoir county would be equally as productive of good results. The health experts say so at least.

THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Recorder Wooten, in his reply to the letter of inquiry addressed to him by the City Council, through its clerk, shows that he regards the letter as impertinent and intrusive of the rights of the court. The Recorder expressly calls Council's attention to the fact that "Your Board should know that the Recorder's Court is a creature of legislative enactment, and is independent of all persons or municipal control." It is true that the court was lifted out of the control of petty politics and made responsible directly to the people; but just what the Recorder means by saying that the court is independent of all persons, The Free Press does not know. If he intends to convey the impression that the Recorder's Court is placed solely in the control of the presiding magistrate, and is responsible to no one, we take issue with him. Recorder Wooten must not overlook the fact that the Legislature is the creature of the people; that back of its enactments stand the people and that they have the right to know that their public servants are properly discharging their duties; and, further, that provision is made for proper inquiry, when there is ground to suspect that such is not the case. Recorder Wooten says in closing his letter to the Council, "I have complied with your request, now give me as a court, your reason for plying me with these insinuating and suggestive questions, thereby saving me as a court of making any further inquiry in order that the dignity and character of the court may not stand impeached in the eyes of the public." Again the Free Press doesn't know what the Recorder means by "further inquiry"; whether he desires to convey the impression that the Council was prompted by ulterior motives and that his "further inquiry" will have to do with that phase or whether he would really conduct such an investigation as would dig into each and every record of each and every case, tried before the court since its inception, and thus clear its record of the imputations that have been made, is not clear. The Free Press knows that there has been a great deal of complaint about the apparently excessive fee taxing, and of other matters pertaining to the court. The editor of The Free Press, in a friendly conversation called the Recorder's attention to these complaints last year, prior to the first criticism of this paper of the taxing of jury and solicitor's fees. The Recorder then agreed with the editor that steps should be taken to throw the light on the operation of the court, so that it would not be brought into disrepute. If the Recorder intends to convey the idea that he would turn on the light and let all details and records be known of all men, The Free Press would unquestionably urge that he not waver in his purpose, and that regard of what reply the Council should make, that he arrange in the proper way for an exhaustive inquiry, which will either clear the record of the court from the near opprobrium of public opinion, or convict it, and thereby set in motion the purging of the court of those things that ought not to be.

The Free Press has been interested in the success of the court, and it has always given to Recorder Wooten its support in his efforts to uphold the law. It will continue to do so. The Free Press doesn't believe that all the critics of the court have been inspired by ulterior or reprehensible motives. It is true that there may be some in league with the law violators who have undertaken to line up against the court, that is but natural. There is, however, in the minds of the best element of Kinston's citizenry, a doubt as to the court's success and the Recorder will do well to "turn on the light." The people have the right to know the full facts and those in charge of the court, and who are responsible for its proper conduct, have the right to be judged by the full facts!

Says the Raleigh News and Observer in regard to a recent paragraph appearing in these columns:

"The Kinston Free Press is in error. In commenting on the fact that the famous mule Maud is dead at Petersburg, Indiana, at the age of 42, that paper announces that it is 'glad to know that the old problem of 'How old is Maud?' has been settled at last. The trouble is about Anne's age, and not Maud's, the question being: 'How old is Anne?'"

We are surprised that Friend Britton should have confused the age of Anne with that of Maud. For often have we had occasion to note the propounding of the conundrum, "How old was Maud?" and as a basis for answering, the ability of the hybrid to use her "nether" limbs in offensive tactics has frequently been submitted.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

WE'RE NOT SO SURE ABOUT IT. Raleigh Times: "The twentieth high school for North Carolina has been authorized to be erected at Pink Hill. More fresh meat for the Raleigh highs."

CAN BLAME IT FOR THE WAR. Charlotte Observer: "The Newton Enterprise pointedly notes that the continued announcement of volunteer raise in wages of cotton and woolen mill employes as well as of those in railroad and other industrial enterprises, is rather unwelcome to 'politicians of the party whose only idea and asset has been high tariff as a protection to home business and labor.'" It is a fact, as remarked by the Enterprise, that it is very disconcerting that this election year is opening with wages going up in almost every line of manufacture, and business the best it has been in a decade, and all under a Democratic administration and a low tariff law. It is a complete fulfillment of Democratic promises and predictions. "But when next year they can be blaming the Democratic party for the European war."

AGRICULTURAL

Volunteer Crop Reporters. Nearly 150,000 volunteer crop reporters and special correspondents are now aiding the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the department, says the Weekly News Letter of the United States Department of Agriculture, in the preparation of its estimates of crops and live-stock production of the country, according to the annual report of the bureau which has just been issued. The actual number of these volunteer assistants is 147,327. In addition, there are 151 paid employes in the service of the bureau. The total appropriation for the work for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, was \$275,580. The bureau has enlarged its work during the fiscal year by assigning one of its employes to the work of investigating truck crops. The crops for which acreage estimates were undertaken by this specialist include watermelons, cantaloupes, cabbages, onions, early potatoes, tomatoes and strawberries. Other crops are to be added as the work progresses.

A Hint to the Farmer. Do not neglect to plow a fire guard around your buildings and see that it is kept free from weeds and grasses, is advice from the State Insurance Department. By using this precaution you may save a preventable loss.

Allow no one to smoke around your buildings.

Do you not know that the fire waste throughout the country has reached a proportion that the people should unite and give some attention to fire prevention and thus lessen the loss? Cleanliness and reduction of the fire waste will bring results; won't you try and help and also get your neighbors interested?

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LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, Paid in \$25,000.00 Surplus Fund 10,000.00 Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid, 3,259.79 Dividends unpaid 2,600.00 Deposits subject to check, 160,473.76 Demand Certificates of Deposit 55,812.58 Savings Deposits 32,746.21 Due to Banks and Bankers 5,863.39 Cashier's Checks Outstanding, 755.77 Money Borrowed for Real Estate 10,000.00 \$306,401.45

LAND SALE BY COMMISSIONER

Under and by virtue of the authority of a certain order made by the Superior Court of Lenoir County, in a certain special proceeding entitled "In the matter of John R. Wooten, Administrator of J. D. Isler, deceased, Ava Isler, widow of the said J. D. Isler, deceased, and Maude Shaw and husband, Asron Shaw," the undersigned Commissioner of Court will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Kinston, N. C., on Tuesday, February 8th, 1916, at about 12 o'clock M., the following described lands which are situated in Lenoir County, N. C., and are more particularly described as follows:

First Tract: Adjoining the lands of John S. Bizzell, Dempsey Wood, and C. P. Barrow and others, bounded as follows, Beginning at John S. Bizzell's corner on Caswell and Railroad Streets and running with said street 47 feet to Dempsey Wood's corner, and thence with said Wood's line 85 feet to C. P. Barrow's line, and thence with the said C. P. Barrow's line 47 feet to the said John S. Bizzell's back corner and thence with his line to the beginning, containing 1 1/6 of an acre, being that conveyed to J. D. Isler, by W. T. Best and wife, by deed dated January 1st, 1883, and appearing of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Lenoir County, in Book 6, page 415.

Second Tract: Adjoining the lands of Noah Rouse, J. J. Herring, Jr., and Fannie Smith and others, bounded as follows: On the North by the lands of Fannie Smith, on the South by the lands of Noah Rouse, East by the lands of Noah Rouse. West by the lands of J. J. Herring, Jr., the same being the share of N. H. Field's in the division of Henry Fields estate, the said N. H. Field's father, said to contain 22 1/2 acres more or less, and being that tract of land conveyed by R. M. Harper to J. D. Isler (Daniel), by deed dated February 1, 1895, and appearing of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Lenoir County, in Book 18 at page 149. Said sale is made to make assets in settlement of the estate of J. D. Is-

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our friends most heartily for the liberal patronage we received during the year 1915, and to sincerely wish them a Prosperous and Happy New Year

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The first tract of land mentioned will be sold first and the second tract sold if necessary. This 6th day of January, 1916. J. G. DAWSON, Commissioner of Court. Jan. 7, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7

NORTH CAROLINA—LENOIR CO. Having qualified as the executor of the last will and Testament of Martha J. Herring, deceased, this is to notify all parties owing the estate to make immediate payment, and all persons holding claims against the said estate to present same to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of December, 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. This Dec. 27, 1915.

JOHN FOSS, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Martha J. Henny, Deceased. Shaw & Powers, Attorneys. 12-30 1-3-10-17-24-31*

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WHAT HORRIBLY LOVELY WEATHER WE'VE BEEN HAVING MISS RUTH!

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I'M SO GLAD YOUR SERVANT HAS GONE—MISS RUTH THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY TO YOU ALONE!

IT MIGHT HURT HIS MUG A LITTLE BUT A GUY WID A FACE LIKE HIS OUGHTER BE USED TO BEIN' ROPED IN!

I HATE TO SEE ANYBODY IN PAIN SO I GUESS I'LL LOOK TH' OTHER WAY

