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THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 12, 1916

Registration books are now open, Mr. Voter. What are you going to do about the matter?

A contemporary announces: "Gerard did not come to talk peace." We hope the ambassador to Germany did not come in a belligerent mood.

Subscription books for campaign funds for Wilson and Marshall's re-election have not been closed, Mr. Voter. How much can (will) you give?

The coming of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show here on Saturday is a great disappointment to the small boy because he has no show at all of getting a half holiday because "teacher" wants to see the performance. The old man ought to know that.

The Greensboro News is nothing if not original. It now proposes to introduce another gubernatorial contest through the fertile imagination of its Raleigh correspondent. And it is yet a month before the present race will be officially settled.

A new size loaf of bread has been placed on the market in New Bern, according to our contemporaries down that way. It is said to be superior in several particulars to the old variety, but the statement that the loaf is larger is enough to make the change of interest to the bread users thereabouts.

The "pot" is boiling in Lenoir now and the aspirants are stumping the precincts in real earnest since the opening Democratic gun was fired at the Sand Hill meeting Tuesday. The "coalitioners" are also said to be doing some lung exercise in their vain endeavor for official honors.

Old Jack Frost has been in these parts, say the good farmer friends who have been to town during the past few days to market their cotton, tobacco, etc. From our own personal knowledge we couldn't testify but the "air-fishness" of the morning breezes which have greeted us when we have left our "downy" places of rest, is somewhat damaging to an alibi for the old scout.

The New Bern Sun-Journal surmises that it will be a long time before the State of Virginia becomes dry even if the saloons are to be closed the first of November. If as much liquor is being shipped to other places as would appear to be going there from the reports that 100 gallons were nabbed at one time by the police of New Bern, it ought not to take long to dry up the supplies of the Old Dominion.

THE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT.

Not only is the record of the past four years of Democratic administration throughout the Nation one to be proud of and one on which no citizen of this country should be afraid to stand, but the achievement in North Carolina during the past sixteen years has set a pace for progressive and constructive work that is unequalled by any other commonwealth in the Union.

Some of the figures quoted by Judge J. S. Manning, of Raleigh, in his able and forceful argument for Democracy before the voters of Lenoir county Wednesday night, should be known of all men. The Republican campaigners are going about the State decrying the increase in the appropriation for educational purposes since the Democrats wrested the power from their hands. They fail to call attention to what has been accomplished by the increased appropriation. Judge Manning cited statistics to show that more than 48 hundred schools have been built in North Carolina and 212 rural high schools have been established and more than 36 hundred school libraries have been put in the rural districts. Will any intelligent citizen of the State say that such a record is not one to be proud of, and one that every father and mother, who has the responsibility of rearing and educating children, should endorse? Mr. Parker, candidate for Attorney General on the Republican ticket, said in his address here some days ago that the Democratic party had done nothing for the country people. Does the establishment of 212 rural high schools, where the boys and girls of the country districts are afforded equal educational opportunities with those of their city brothers and sisters, bear Mr. Parker out? We think not. Does the establishment of four thousand libraries in the rural schools, where the students from the country homes can have the benefit of reference books and proper reading, substantiate the statement of Mr. Parker? We think not.

Mr. Voter, if you are intelligent and want to know the facts, don't take the statements of either party, but look up the records for yourself; they are available. The Democratic party has performed well its service both in State and Nation, and its report of both stewardships should have the "well done" endorsement of every thinking and patriotic citizen of North Carolina.

Just when we thought we had the "finest race track in America," along comes the Goldsboro Argus and talks about the "finest race track in the State." Home boasting, that's all.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

PAPER CONSERVATION.

Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch: "The increasing shortage in paper, and the tremendous advance in the cost of it, are disturbing elements in every publishing institution in the country, and various methods of conserving the paper supply are being suggested. One paper says:

"The shortage of paper and its consequent high price have brought about the adoption of an economy in the public schools which will reduce the consumption by 50 per cent. Hereafter exercises are to be written on both sides of the paper. There is a reason why manuscripts for newspapers should be written on only one side. It is to facilitate the cutting up of the pages when they are given out as 'copy' to the printers. No such practical consideration controls in the preparation of school exercises."

WHY NOT START 1924 CAMPAIGN?

Wilmington Dispatch: "Now that those who take an accounting of the political winds with as close observation and with as scientific measurement as weather men gauge the elements, have reached the conclusion that Honorable Max Gardner, the nominee for Lieutenant-Governor, and Hon. Cameron Morrison, the Democratic wheel-horse, of Charlotte, will contest for the gubernatorial seat in 1920, they might relieve anxiety and fix history for some time to come by informing the public who will be in the race in 1924 and in 1928 and 1932. Why not start the 1924 campaign now, as well as the 1920? The more the merrier. What matters it that life is uncertain and that impulse is changeable?"

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