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**NO TIME FOR DEMAGOGUERY.**

If there has ever been a time when the masses of the people need as leaders in matters of business and politics that time is now, especially in political affairs. The world war left the world bleeding, torn and unsettled. Unrest abounds and the people are now engaged in mighty class conflicts. Bitterness prevails and a condition bordering on chaos obtains.

A democratic form of government has as its ideal the expressed will of the people. This ideal is often defeated by smart politicians. If our form of government is to meet the test that is impending it must be administered by persons of character and principle. If there has ever been a time when the people need to know the truth and nothing but the truth that time is at hand. Heretofore it made little difference what tactics the politician used so long as he was open and above board about his methods. But now those seeking office should get down to business and try to give the people facts and not try to mislead them. The masses of the people want the right thing and desire to do the right thing. But how are they to know what is right when those in authority and those seeking leadership are often persons without principle? How may we expect class hatred and class prejudice to cease when leaders and would be leaders seek to fan the very flames that they should attempt to extinguish?

Demagoguery has gone rampant. The time has come for a halt. Let politicians of all creeds rise to high plains and discuss the true merits of the issues of the time and try to bring peace rather than keep the passions of war kindled. This is the day of statesmanship, not petty partisan misleadership.

**DISMISSES RULE AGAINST BOARD OF ELECTIONS.**

Raleigh, Sept. 20.—Judge Kerr, after hearing argument, dismissed the rule against the State Board of Elections which he issued ten days ago, and the operation of the absentee voters law is now as effective as ever. Council for plaintiff appealed, it is true, but as Judge Kerr dismissed the case "because of the lack of cause of action in the complaint," it is a safe prediction to make that the higher court will sustain Judge Kerr's decision by adding the final knockout blow to this partisan attempt by the Republican campaign management to kill a good law. The absentee voters law not only protects the ballot of bona fide citizens to participate in elections when they are unavoidably absent from their home precincts, but it protects the sick also. Following is the provision in the law that does this:

"It shall be the duty of the County Board of Elections to mail or send to any voter absent from the county, or who is physically unable to attend in person, on application for same by such voter or by any person for him," a form of ballot, etc.

**DEMOCRATIC SPEAKINGS.**

Governor T. W. Bickett, who is making a speaking tour of Western North Carolina in the interest of the Democratic party, will speak at the court house in Marion on Friday, October 1. Hon. Cameron Morrison, the Democratic standard bearer for Governor, will also address the citizens of the county in Marion on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 2 o'clock.

Every citizen in the county is extended an invitation to be present on both occasions.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTION BOARDS**

**State Board Issues Circular Letter Covering Registration of Women.**

The State Board of Elections has issued the following circular letter to the chairmen of the county Boards of Election throughout the State relative to registration of voters, male and female, for the coming general election in November:

"As the time approaches for opening of the registration books and otherwise preparing for the General Election of November 2nd, 1920, this letter is issued to the County Boards of Election for their information and guidance.

"First. The State Board of Elections urges that every member of the County Boards of Elections become thoroughly familiar with the Election Law and in the event that any part of it is not fully understood this office should be communicated with at once.

Second. We call attention to several important matters as follows:

"The Registration Books to cover the General Election of November 2, 1920, will open on September 30, 1920, and will close at sunset on October 23rd, 1920.

"The law requires that persons not to vote the coming election must present themselves in person before the registrar for registration during the period provided by law for the registration of voters. This period is indicated above. The only exception to this being that provided for in Sections 4960 and 5961 of the Consolidated Statutes and Election Law. Voters cannot be registered previously registered and expecting in any other way or manner. They cannot be registered by mail.

"The woman voter is subject to the same conditions and qualifications as apply to the male voter with the exception that the female voter is not required to pay a poll tax or exhibit a poll receipt in order to register and vote in the coming General Election. They are required to make a statement, under oath if necessary, that they are of legal age and otherwise qualified to register and vote. This does not necessarily mean that the female voters must give their exact age but they must state that they are twenty-one years of age or over.

"There is enclosed with this letter several copies of an Act of the Extra Session of the General Assembly, 1920, relating to the residence of woman voters and which gives full and complete information on this point.

"In the preparation and printing of such ballots as the County Boards of Election are required to furnish, your attention is called to Section 5981 of the Consolidated Statutes and Election Law which indicates the different ballots that are to be provided and the offices to be voted for on each ballot. The County Boards of Election are required to print and distribute the ballots for county officers and also the ballots for township officers. The above named section of the law specifies the offices to be voted for on each of these tickets.

"Any questions in connection with the coming election that are not fully understood by members of the county boards, the registrars or the judges of election should be submitted to this office immediately in order that any doubt or misunderstanding may be corrected."

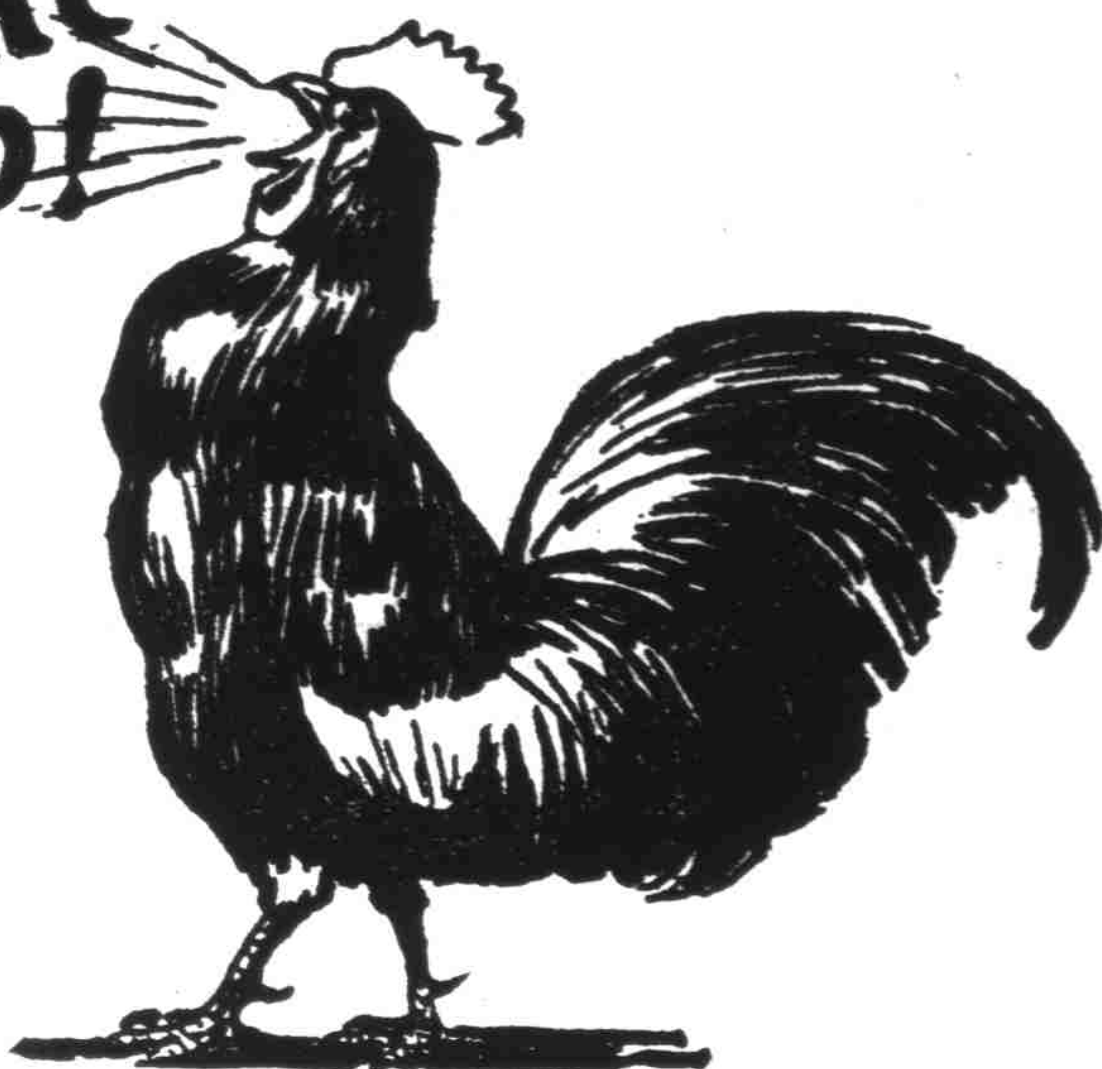
**UNCLE SAM CLEARS \$80,000 NEAR RERE.**

Contrary to the usual public opinion that all deals in which the government is involved result in loss to the government comes the information that in one transaction alone the forestry service in this vicinity has made \$80,000 through the purchase of the Curtis creek tract in 1916 for some \$20,000 and the subsequent sale for \$100,000 of standing timber.

The salable timber was sold under contract to the Union Tanning company and the Noyes Land and Lumber Company, and with the introduction of an extensive system of flumes according to one of the forestry officials, now bring the timber to Old Fort with much satisfaction.

At the present time forest supervisor is investigating the methods of cutting timber on this tract in accordance with the contract. All timber ready for cutting has been sold, and it is understood that none of the younger growth will be ready for years to come.—Asheville Times.

Wake up!



**"An Early Showing"**

Of Bright New Fall Dresses, Coats and Coat Suits that will awaken your interest.

Our Coat Suits are in the very newest styles, of expert tailoring, superior quality and material and unexcelled values. We are showing the Newest Fall Models in the popular Coatee in the Pecot Silk Plush, also many other styles of coats that are the essence of smartness.

It's a genuine pleasure to be in position to offer such styles and values as we now have in dresses.

**"Fashion Center"**

GASTON & TATE, Inc.

**TO ORGANIZE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION.**

The patrons and friends of the Marion Graded School are earnestly requested to meet in the High school auditorium Saturday afternoon, 3:00 o'clock, September 25, for the purpose of organizing a Parent-Teacher association of Marion. It is hoped that many patrons and friends will avail themselves of this opportunity. There is no better organization with which you can affiliate for doing good. There are many ways that this organization can be of direct service to patrons, the school, and the school authorities. More could be said, but here is hoping that you will be with us at the appointed place and time to hear what will be said, etc.

Very respectfully,  
T. A. HOLTON, Supt.

**JENKINS SPEAKS IN MARION.**

Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, Republican candidate for congress from the tenth district, spoke at the court house in Marion on last Monday. Mr. Jenkins spoke on State and national affairs and was listened to by a goodly number of Republicans and a few Democrats. A few women were also present. Mr. Jenkins made what might be termed a good political speech. He received considerable applause during his speech.

**HOLLER-HENS DILE.**

Mr. Burette Holler of this place and Miss Lucile Hensdile of St. Paul, Va., were quietly married in Johnson City, Tenn., Sunday, Sept. 18. Many friends wish them a long and happy life.

The auction sale conducted by Dave Gibson here last Saturday was a success and was well attended. About fifty resident lots were sold. Many of the lots were purchased by persons with a view of building in the near future while others purchased as an investment. The property is located near the Cross mill.

The Bryson-Snyder Company's Fall sale which opened Wednesday is attracting considerable attention among bargain seekers. The sale will continue ten days, as announced in the double page advertisement in this paper.

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KNOX HATS

**Fall Hats and Caps**

We can invite you to a showing of the newest styles in Autumn headgear for men worthy of your attention.

A display from which you can select with pleasure. Styles that you can wear with pride of ownership.

**Collegian and Kuppenheimer Clothes**

In the new models for Fall and winter 1920-1921. The new designs now on display. See them before buying elsewhere.

**J. H. L. Miller Clothing Co.**

The Quality Shop

The tax rate for Haywood county has been set at 50 cents by the board of commissioners.

Boston, Mass., opened the first garage in 1890.

FOR SALE—McDowell County Farms and Timber Land. W. M. Pratt, Real Estate Agent.

**NOTICE!**

Notice is hereby given that I have sold my interest in the firm of J. M. Gibson & Son, of Old Fort, N. C. All debts due the above firm on or before August 30, 1920, should be paid to me, and all outstanding claims of the old firm will be assumed by the new firm of Gibson & Noblitt. This Sept. 1, 1920.

J. M. GIBSON.