

EDITORIAL COLUMN.

The Absent Voters law was enacted so that the soldiers could register before going away and thus be able to vote by mail while in the service. Unless they register before leaving their home precinct, they cannot vote. The law requires every registrar to keep his registration books open at all times for the registration of these soldier-voters. Persons otherwise entitled to vote may send their ballots by mail if they are registered, but there **MUST BE PERSONAL REGISTRATION BY THE VOTER BEFORE HE LEAVES HOME.** The right of absent voting applies to the primary election to be held June 1, 1918, as well as to the November election. If your soldier-son or friend is entitled to vote, but is not registered at his home precinct, be sure to have him personally register the next time he visits home; and when the new draft is called, be sure to have every man register before he leaves. He'll feel mighty lonely and left out when voting time comes, with all his comrades voting and he left out—all because of his own neglect.

Try as hard as you please, you can never get the knocker to believe his home town is anything but a modern Nazareth. Nothing good can come from it. Even when some bit of successful hustling or unusual generosity sets the outside world talking, he finds some flaw, some manner in which the deed would have been bettered had it happened elsewhere. Personally, his brains, if changed to water, would not be sufficient to dampen the dust on a gnat's whiskers, but he considers himself capable of giving advice to old man Solomon.

The seventy-second South Carolina General Assembly adjourned sine die shortly after midnight Tuesday night, after the shortest session in many years, adjournment coming just 35 days after convening on January 8th. Governor Manning signed 127 acts as the work of the legislature. Just before adjourning the Governor signed the resolution ratifying the new amendment to the federal constitution.

Trading in live or freshly killed hens and pullets anywhere in the United States is forbidden in an order announced Monday by the United States Food Administration. By restricting the killing of fowls that should now be heavy layers, the food administration hopes to increase the eggs. Out of a total of 6,000,000 farms in this country, 1,500,000 reported to the Department of Agriculture that they produced no eggs. If each of these henless farms would keep 100 hens, a low estimate of ten dozen eggs each, or a billion and a half dozen, would result in a year. At the average price of forty cents a dozen, they would be worth \$600,000,000! Do your bit by raising a few more chickens—but in going in for poultry bear in mind that there is a law that prohibits your fowls encroaching upon the property of a neighbor, to his or her garden or flower destruction.

GEE WHIZ, what a swell car that CHEVROLET "EIGHT" CYLINDER is! Have you seen it? Ask for demonstration, we will be delighted to show you what they will do. See our add in this issue of Post-Dispatch—West Bros.

While some folks unpatriotically in this country may grumble about the wheatless and meatless orders, they can get consolation from the knowledge that in England the meat rationing order gives each civilian just one pound of meat a week; children under ten are entitled to half a ration. The meat ration in Germany is three-quarters of a pound weekly. So take heart, and think what might be—and what most likely **WILL BE** unless every man of us strictly adheres to the letter and spirit of the food regulations.

Congress last Saturday extended from February 12th to April 12th the time within which soldiers and sailors may file application for war risk insurance. For the future happiness and comfort of the soldiers, it is imperative that they take out the full insurance. There'll be no pensions paid after this war is over. The government insurance takes the place of pensions. Therefore it is up to our Richmond county people to see to it that every Richmond county soldier, white or black, be insured to the full \$10,000 limit. The time has been extended until April 12th. Don't delay with this matter, but write your soldier-boy at once and if he doesn't feel like paying the small premiums, you do it yourself for him.

In a personal letter to the editor received today from James H. Pou, of Raleigh, is the following:

"I think it is highly important that we shall impress upon the soldiers and their parents the importance of the soldier taking the full \$10,000. He should be satisfied with nothing else. I would suggest that in your paper you strongly urge that the maximum be taken. A soldier need only take \$1,000 if he wishes; but in case of permanent disability that poli would only pay him or his dependent, if he be dead, \$5.75 a month; while a \$10,000 policy would pay him or his dependents \$57.50 a month."

The Republican national executive committee in session at St. Louis yesterday elected Will H. Hays, of Indiana, as chairman, and he is the man who is expected to bring harmony in the "n.g." G. O. P.

A statement issued by the committee says, "Republicans throughout the country will be sincerely gratified to learn that the national committee adjourned with complete harmony prevailing on every side." Get the two words "COMPLETE HARMONY?" But does anyone suppose for a minute that Teddy has "taken back" the terms of 'thieves,' 'rascals,' 'robbers,' 'crooks,' etc. he so freely lavished upon Taft, Root & Co. in 1912, again in 1914, and still again in 1916? "Complete harmony!"

Suspension of the heatless Monday program was announced yesterday by Fuel Administrator Garfield with the reservation that it may be put back into force before the ten weeks period expires if a return of bad weather brings another breakdown in railroad transportation. Ten heatless Mondays were decreed by the fuel administration January 17th and four have been observed in all states east of the Mississippi river except those states south of Virginia; the order was enforced in the south on but three Mondays, the requirement for last Monday having been lifted. And so now there'll be no more closing Mondays unless the weather gets on a real rampage again.

WAR NEWS.

Events of the Past Week.

As a result of the sinking of the British liner Tuscania off the coast of Ireland on Tuesday night of last week, 159 persons lost their lives. There were 2179 troops from Wisconsin and Michigan on board, but all were saved except 159.

Although no formal treaty has been signed between the Russians and the Central Powers the Bolsheviki government Tuesday ordered a cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of its troops from its trenches and fortified positions. It long has been foreseen that such an outcome eventually would follow upon the revolutionary movement in Russia where for nearly a year civil strife proved most potent factors in weakening the war front. Long ago the German forces were practically entirely withdrawn from this front. And now with Russia out of the war, Germany can devote her strength and reserves to a supreme test on the French, British, Belgium and American front.

Estimates are that Germany has available for this mammoth effort fully 2,400,000 men. The weather on the western front has been exceptionally clear and dry for the past few days and it would not be surprising if the big drive so long predicted should shortly start. If our Allies can hold these immense hordes of Germans in their supreme effort, then we can rest assured the final victory is ours. Germany realizes that her biggest effort, her deciding and final drive, must be made this spring before America gets her strength into the game; and so this big drive is looked for just any day now.

President Wilson appeared before Congress Tuesday and delivered a speech wherein he defined anew the war aims of America and what we would expect in order to get peace. He again asserts that we are in the war for a just cause and that whenever the German PEOPLE really desire peace they can get it on fair and honorable terms.

Civil Service Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination to be held on March 2, 1918, at any first or second-class postoffice in North Carolina to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill vacancies in first grade or clerical positions in the various branches of the Field Service.

It is expected that a large number of vacancies in the Internal Revenue Service will be filled from the first grade or clerical register.

Competitors will be examined in the following first grade subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated on a basis of 100: Spelling 10, arithmetic 30, penmanship 15, letter writing 30, copying and correcting manuscript 15.

The requirement that competitors shall receive a rating of at least 70 per cent in arithmetic and 65 per cent in report writing (now letter writing) to become eligible, has been omitted.

The scope and character of the examination and the rules governing certification are shown further in Form 1372. "Instructions to Applicants, Fourth Civil Service District."

Five hours will be allowed for this examination.

Age, 18 years or over on the date of the examination.

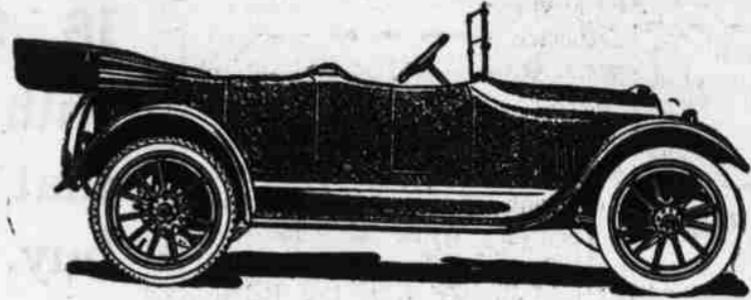
Applicants must submit to the examiner on the day of the examination their photographs, taken within two years, securely pasted in the space provided on the admission cards sent them after their applications are filed. Tintypes, group photographs, or proofs will not be accepted.

For application blank (Form 1371) address postmaster at Rockingham.

Applications must be properly executed and filed with the Civil Service District Secretary at Washington, D. C., in time for him to arrange for the examination.

See Ruth Roland at THE STAR THEATRE Thursday, Feb. 21st.

NOW, MR. BUSINESS MAN,--
FARMER, OR
PROFESSIONAL MAN,--
**Better Stop Just a Minute
and READ THIS.**



Did you know there is one Automobile in use to every twenty fourth person in the United States?—over four million cars in actual service in this country.

Over one and three quarter million new cars actually sold during 1917.

During 1918 there will be only 60 cars built to every 100 that were built in 1917,—meaning there will be only about one million cars, or less, built during this year. This reduction made necessary through requirements made upon Automobile Manufacturers by the Government for munitions purposes.

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