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Old Folks Linked Together in the Knot Connubial.

CITY PAYS WATER RENT  
A Goldsboro Hen Too Tough to Be Affected by a Live Wire—Spinners Arriving for the Convention—No Stock of Boyette Hosiery Company for Sale—Merchant Plays Policeman—Fine New Store to Be Built.

Goldboro, March 15.—(Special)—Mayor Peterson hasn't lost the art of making two souls one. Indeed, being quite full of such work, he very cheerfully responded last evening to the earnest request from Mr. Joshua Hines who sought the hand and companionship of Mrs. Nancy Omerman. It didn't take His Honor long to effect the union when he had reached the residence of Mr. W. M. Moore in James street, where the youthful couple were wed. Mr. and Mrs. Hines are about the same age, just 57, and a happy couple could not be found in a day's journey. They have our best wishes for an extended companionship and as the years glide by may they come to each other as the olive tree of the vine. It is said that Mrs. Hines has been married before, this being her third husband. It is hoped for her sake that this union may be the happiest of them all.

A called meeting of the board of aldermen to devise ways and means to meet a dilemma were held last evening. Result, the city treasurer was ordered to pay to the Water Works Company the city's rental for the past two months. This relieves the treasurer and fills the practical wants of the company, and while it may look as if our aldermen were taking the bull by the horns, so to speak, yet it is thought they have the support of our citizens generally in the decision reached. It is quite evident that water is a public as well as a private necessity, quite essential to the needs of our city.

Mrs. E. L. James has returned from a pleasant visit to Raleigh. James Young, in "Lord Byron," had the boards of the Messenger opera house in our city last evening. Quite a large and appreciative audience greeted this clever actor and his splendid support.

Eliel Phillips celebrated this afternoon her 10th birthday by giving a party to a number of her young friends at her home in West Center street. Mr. Burke Parker, of Raleigh, arrived in the city last night. It is quite amusing to stand and watch numerous old bachelors hanging around our passenger depot scanning the arrivals on every incoming train in order that they may get the first peep at visiting delegates to the Semi-Annual Spinners' Convention, which convenes in our opera house Friday evening. Mr. Joseph, the gent's furnisher, remarked in the Hotel Kennon at an early hour this morning that already there were an even hundred reserved seats taken, but was quickly corrected by Manager Cooke, who had just made the count and reported one hundred and one, and this two days in advance. Miss Nathan Slick has just arrived from the county of Murray and will take an important seat at the convention selecting a seat well to the front on the right as you enter and will make a full report for one of our leading journals.

Mr. D. A. Johnson left this morning for the new lumber plant at Bear Swamp. He goes to paint things red if that color is preferable. I am having frequent inquiry from parties who have a little money to invest asking if there is any stock for sale in the Boyette Hosiery Mill Company. To all I say no. Those interested have informed me that the stock is all taken. The plant is to be located on a hillside at Stevens' mill, the ground will be cut down for the building. The water power is to be utilized in generating electricity, which will furnish the motive power for the plant. This plant is expected to be ready for business in about eight months. Both hosiery and hosiery yarns will be turned out, but not the dollars worth of the product will be offered for sale here as the entire output is already bargained for and will be distributed from the plant in New York end and car lots as directed by the Boyette Hosiery Mill Company. One decided advantage in the location is the cheapness of power and the cost of labor to employees. Another advantage to the owners will be that operations being comfortably quartered away from a town, being well paid, the danger of having them gathered by other mill people will be lessened.

The obstruction to the sewerage system in George street, by a heroic effort, has been removed and the water way is now clear. Last evening an old hen spread her wings and alighted on the topmost wire light wire at the intersection of Walnut and John streets, and as she dived there snapping her wings a crowd gathered and mighty efforts were made to scare her off. Finally the owner offered her for sale as she snuggled and Walter Summerlin ventured an investment of 15 cents and ere long she tumbled down to the pavement below his property. Was she dead? Not a bit. John Dortch says the hen was on and that strong, but the hen was just a bit too tough to be hurt by a live wire. Last evening Will Smith, a Walnut street merchant, turned policeman, put on a large nickel badge No. 22 (a military motorman's badge) and proceeded to arrest one Mr. Derr, a cloth-

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE  
Optimism in the South Evidently Well Founded.

COTTON MILL PROGRESS  
Large Investments Decided Upon at Many Southern Points—Iron Resources to Be Further Developed—Farmers Tempted to Speculate on Their Own Cotton Crops—Why This Would Be Dangerous.

Baltimore, March 15.—(Special)—In whatever direction one may turn in the South he is likely to find manifestations of a spirit of optimism resting upon a substantial foundation. Through the Piedmont section new cotton mills are rising here and there and established ones are preparing to enlarge their operations, while mill building enterprises are likewise advancing through the Mississippi Valley into Texas as a prospect for a larger and larger demand in the East for Southern made goods widens. The past week has been notable for announcements of this kind. In the Manufacturers' Record are noted the determination to erect a \$600,000 plant of 25,000 spindles and 750 looms for the production of print cloth at Aiken, S. C., plans for a \$400,000 mill near Columbus, Ga., with 20,000 spindles and a proportionate number of looms as an addition to the enterprises of the Bibb Manufacturing Company, of Macon, Ga., for a \$100,000 mill at Goldsboro, N. C., for a \$200,000 knitting mill at Valdosta, Ga., the organization of the Yazoo Cotton Mill at Yazoo City, Miss., of a \$100,000 cotton company at Itasca, Tex., and \$100,000 mill at Harrison, Tenn. The F. W. Poe Manufacturing Company of Greenville, S. C., has decided to spend nearly \$500,000 in additions to its plant, while the capital stock has been subscribed for a \$100,000 plant at Corsicana, Tex. Side by side with plans for the full development of the iron resources of Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia are those for the extension and improvement of the railroads really confined to no one section of the South. The lumber interests from the Carolinas to Texas are in a flourishing condition, while the healthy tone everywhere is reinforced by activities in the oil fields, the phosphate mines and other industries which supply the material for manufactures. The persistent strength of the cotton market, which at present seems destined to be maintained at least until the movement of the next crop is well under way, is in itself a promise of vigor for several months in many lines of trade in the South. Growing out of this strength is a tendency on the part of some cotton growers to consider favorably plans for selling in advance the crop which they expect to raise this season. This tendency has assumed one or two forms. Regarding the proposition that Southern farmers should sell on a basis of New York futures for September and October delivery their crops of cotton not yet planted, Col. A. B. Shepperson of New York writes in this week's Manufacturers' Record as follows: "No farmer could sell his crop on the basis of prices for September and October delivery unless he agreed to deliver it during those months. He could deliver only a small proportion of his crop by the time as picking usually goes on until December and sometimes much later. He could sell with safety for delivery in November and December and New York futures for those months are nearly half a cent lower than for September delivery. The present price for November delivery would leave the farmer, after paying freight, commissions and other charges about seven cents per pound for middling cotton. This should not be regarded a very tempting price, since it has been exceeded during every calendar year with only one exception since 1823. "Should the farmer sell now for next fall or winter and prices before then should advance for any reason, he would have to make a deposit of money equal to the advance and the raising of this money might prove inconvenient and expensive. If the farmer should sell more than his crop turned out to be, he would then have to buy of his neighbors to make up the quantity. In the event of higher prices ruling at that time than he had sold at, he might thus suffer a considerable loss, besides having to part with all of his own crop at a lower price than his neighbors were receiving. If, from the condition of his crop late in the summer, the farmer should feel reasonably confident of making 200 bales of cotton it would be wise, perhaps, to sell 100 bales for November or December delivery against his crop if the price was satisfactory. This would be safe and perfectly legitimate and is frequently done through Southern factors. "The old adage that a shoemaker should stick to his last, though very homely is nevertheless true in a general way, the exceptions but serving to prove the rule. A farmer should not try to be a speculator. His training, his environment and his facilities are all against his success and handicap him in the struggle with men of keener wits, greater opportunities and less innate honesty. "Let the farmer use better and more scientific methods, studying closely the needs of his soil so as to get the greatest yield at the least cost of production. Let him buy nothing which can be produced at home. More careful cultivation and the proper selection and more liberal use of fertilizers

ENFIELD  
Bids for Bonds Advertised For—Temporary Officers Elected for the Cotton Mill Company.

Enfield, N. C., March 14. Correspondence of The Morning Post. Bids for bonds to the amount of \$2,000, at six per cent, semi-annual, in gold, will be received up to April 2 by A. S. Harrison, clerk. The bonds will be in the denominations of \$200 each, one bond maturing each year. Said bonds are for market house and other town improvements. Letters of inquiry, subscriptions to stock, etc., are coming in so freely to the Enfield Cotton Mills that it was necessary for the stockholders to elect temporary officers. C. E. McGuigan was elected secretary and W. H. McDonald treasurer. The treasurer was authorized to advertise for superintendent and secretary, each of whom will be required to subscribe \$7,500 and become identified with the mill. Only about \$10,000 has been subscribed out of town; so home folks have taken the other \$50,000. Work on the building will commence about April 15 or May 1. The Boston Concert Company appeared in Randolph's Hall tonight.

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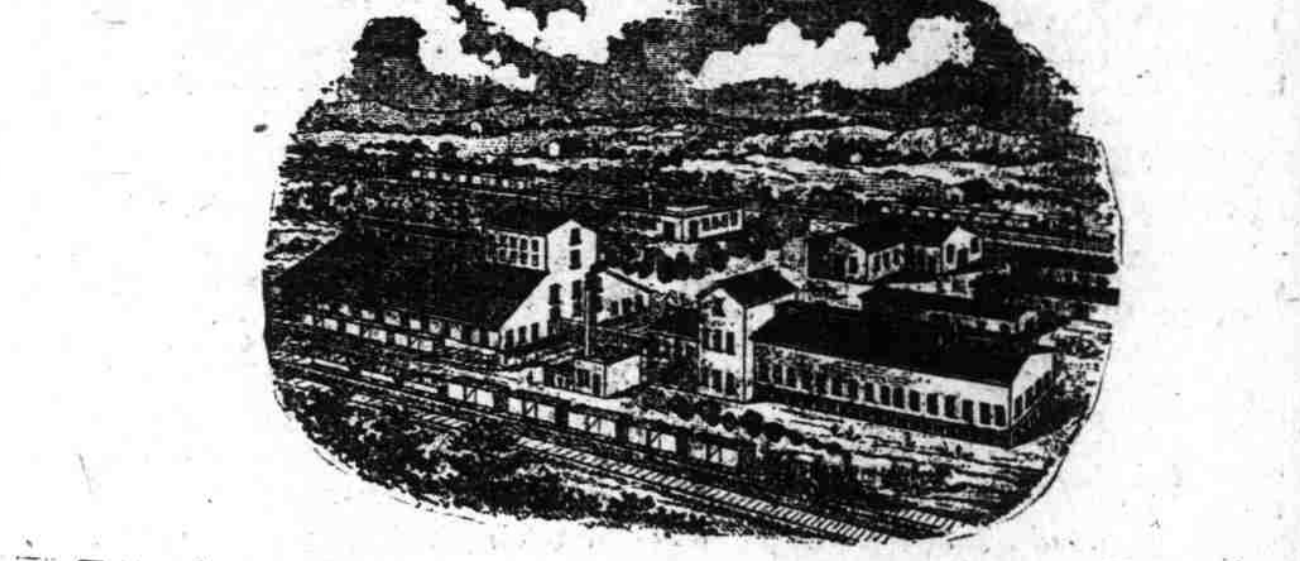
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Editor of The Post: If the Democratic party will now show a magnanimous spirit and prove itself loyal to the best interests of the public schools of North Carolina by nominating Chas. H. Mebane for Superintendent of Public Instruction, irrespective of past party affiliations, it will add another star to the glittering crown of good government, which adorns its brow. Politics in North Carolina has reached that stage where it has become absolutely necessary for the public schools to be separated from politics and exalted above politics until they will never be dominated by politics again. The public schools of North Carolina are too important and their interests too vital to be made spoils for political mercenaries to prey upon. The public schools have suffered more from the blighting influences of partisan politics than anything else. It is time for the schools to be nurtured and protected by the magnanimous charity of common brotherhood and their affairs to be directed by competent men above political affiliations. Prof. C. H. Mebane has shown himself to be well fitted for the place in every respect, and especially in his loyalty to the public schools over partisan politics. He has stood at the head of the public schools and has directed their affairs, unbiased through one of North Carolina's most turbulent and corrupt periods of partisan politics. Under Prof. Mebane's able management the public schools have taken on new life and have made such progress as they have not made in years before. To make so great a change in the management of our school affairs as that of changing the superintendents, would be a serious setback to the schools, however competent the new superintendent might be, and as Prof. Mebane has shown himself competent in every respect, it is to be hoped that nothing biased or partisan will actuate the minds and hearts of those who select a man for Superintendent of Public Instruction to be our Democratic nominee in this campaign. PRIMER. Elkin, N. C., March 15, 1900.

Knabe Pianos in Stock. John B. Wright, Greensboro, N. C.  
COL. JOHN T. BRITT  
Editor Public Ledger, for Commissioner of Labor and Public Printing. [Communicated.]  
There are few men in the State who for more than a quarter of a century have worked more faithfully and effectively for Democracy and white supremacy than Col. John T. Britt, editor of the Oxford Public Ledger. The fight instituted in 1874 and unyieldingly prosecuted by the Public Ledger ever since was made against very great odds. At that time Granville county was one of the blackest negro strongholds in the State, having a negro majority of 600 to 800. To overcome this majority and to place that grand old county on the white list was the labor that the Public Ledger applied itself to; and at the expense of actual boycotts, and threats of personal violence and every conceivable meanness, the negro forces were unsharshly to fight this Democratic organ and its editor—all to poor effect, except the cutting off from the subscription list of the Public Ledger some 300 subscribers within a few months. To the Public Ledger more than to any other factor belongs the credit of a county redeemed from negro rule—for Granville county stands boldly and defiantly where she rightly belongs—in the Democratic ranks—thanks to the efforts of John T. Britt. In recognition of, and as a token of Democratic gratitude, his nomination and election to the office of Commissioner of Labor and Public Printing would be, to say the least, a merited complement, creditable alike to Colonel Britt and the party he has served so well. Apart from the above considerations, Colonel Britt is a practical printer of life long service, a thorough business man, deservedly popular among the editors of the State and the people alike. J. B. HINTON, Durham, N. C., March 14, 1900.

OXFORD  
Stock Subscribed for a Cotton Mill—Extensive Work Done on Athletic Grounds—Hornor School Ball Team Has a Strong Battery.

Oxford, N. C., March 14. Correspondence of The Morning Post. Last night at 11 the stock for a \$125,000 cotton factory for Oxford was subscribed. J. G. Hall, one of Oxford's leading business men, was elected president. The directors are: B. N. Duke, George W. Watts, J. M. Curdin, E. T. White, J. S. Brown, W. B. Bellou, H. G. Cooper, J. D. Bullock and S. H. Cannady. Almost an epidemic of pneumonia has prevailed in and around Oxford this season, but no deaths have resulted. Extensive preparations have been made on the athletic grounds for the inter-collegiate meet, which is to be held here April 20th for the State championship. A large force of hands with eight horses has been at work and not a day has been lost when the weather permitted the work to go on. The Hornor school baseball team has the best battery in the South, and the colleges are afraid to meet it. Most of the colleges accepted challenges and named dates to play with Hornor, but an alumnus of one college, who lives in Oxford, has warned his Alma Mater to cancel her games, as he thinks it would hurt this college to lose in a game with a preparatory school. Kenna and Oldham, with a good team behind them, will make all nervous. Trinity seems to be the only one with nerve enough to tackle Hornor's strong battery. For Pianos: John B. Wright, Greensboro, N. C.  
A. E. Stronach for Auditor. Wadesboro, N. C., March 14. Mr. Editor: Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper to speak of a man who has, by his kindness and patriotism, aided us in our misfortunes in all these years. I, perhaps, can most truly testify to his grand treatment of the Confederate soldier, especially the wounded. The wounded soldiers of North Carolina will remember the convention of wounded soldiers that was held in the city of Raleigh some twelve years ago. It was through this meeting of the wounded soldiers that the establishment of a pension was greatly increased. This movement was conceived by the writer of this article, but carried to success by the patriotic men and women of North Carolina. Mr. A. E. Stronach came forward with his means and influence and greatly through his efforts the measure was passed. Now, my comrades, let us show our appreciation of comrade Stronach's efforts in giving him the position of Auditor of North Carolina. See to it that your delegates are men that will vote for Mr. Stronach. This is written without his knowledge or solicitation, but I understood that Mr. Stronach was a candidate, and I felt that my comrades, if they knew it, would gladly vote for him if they can get the chance, and I hope, Mr. Editor, you will aid us to give publicity to the matter. Respectfully, E. F. FENTON.

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Farmers Used Manure  
on all crops, because, like the old, plausible compounds, it was handy and cheap. But, nowadays, farmers knew that the growing plant requires the right sort of plant food, just as the growing child requires its proper kind of food, and so, when they plant tobacco,  
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a specially prepared tobacco fertilizer; when the plants cotton, he buys a special cotton fertilizer; so with corn, so with wheat—so with all crops; he knows that certain crops require much ammonia, some but little ammonia; some crops require heavily potashed fertilizers, others only phosphoric acid. And the farmers of the Old North State have learned something else that is equally as important, to-wit: that the

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