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## THE CONTINENTAL ARMY

### THEY ARE HATCHING OUT SOMETHING AT WASHINGTON

#### Is It To Be a Continental Army or a Standing Army or a Monstrosity? The Whole Country is Agog.

The Public Ledger has watched with interest the half dozen or more National defense plans as they are being hatched out and promulgated, and it is doubtful at this stage of the game to tell what will obtain.

Is it the politician's scheme? Is it an army of amateur soldiers? Shall it be an army of trained regulars, or shall it be an army grown through the patriotism of our people? These are some of the questions that we ask ourselves.

The germ of preparedness is in the air; committees of a thousand are formed in the big cities; clubs and societies debate preparedness; Harvard has added the study of military science; Yale is forming a full battalion or artillery.

The War College recommends a standing army of 230,000 men as the backbone. Their scheme calls for a first line of regular soldiers—specialists in warfare, physically and mentally trained to "stand up." They are to bear the brunt of the first combat, a second line meanwhile being trained to become soldiers and fill the wastage.

Secretary Garrison, of the War Department, stands sponsor for the continental army. A New York paper says: "His solution of the problem is simply a convenient method to side step national defense, a sugar-coated pill for Congress warranted not to upset the political digestion of the Democratic party."

The National Guard is dead against the Continental Army scheme, and they have the vote. They see a blow aimed at their existence, a new rival. Knowing their own weakness the organized militia will use all possible influence to dynamite the bill.

#### Arm or Surrender

The following is an editorial in the Metropolitan Magazine:

"We are practically undefended. We cannot back our national policies. The army admits it—the navy knows it, and the country is learning it fast. The situation lines up as follows: the people want defense, bedrock stuff, real preparedness. The Administration offers a political sop. Through fear of the pacifists and the German vote, an experimental compromise on land and for the navy is offered, a self-delaying program covering eight years in the making; a promissory note tagged on to future Congresses. It provides ships but no crews to man them and no officers to command. It is the Secretary of the Navy's own handiwork and has not the support of the fighting navy."

"On land, the compromise is the new continental army scheme based on voluntary enlistment. It includes a pitifully small addition to the regular army. Politics framed the continental army scheme. It was made up in the bureaus of the War Department. The fighting regular was not consulted. It was cooked up in the dark. The real soldiers of the General Staff and the War College got the first news of the continentals by reading the morning papers over their coffee. They just gasped for breath. Alice in Wonderland again!"

"We must have a strong navy fully manned: 48 dreadnoughts and battle cruisers. The necessary number of scouts, destroyers and sea-going submarines should balance the capital fleet; also auxiliaries, colliers, repair-ships, tenders, etc. Ships should be laid down immediately."

"We must have a standing army of 200,000 men and 45,000 officers backed by a national force of citizens trained in arms under a universal and obligatory system. This body should be of no less strength than two million men, fully equipped, and with a large reserve supply of artillery and ammunition."

"This shall be America's insurance against war, against invasion, against a foreign flag over Washington—a force of defense which makes the Monroe Doctrine a living fact. And this shall be the true meaning of preparedness. Half-measures are useless and wasted money."

#### Satisfying Prices

The warehouses are experiencing good breaks and the prices are very satisfactory to the farmers.

#### FARMER'S UNION

##### Stem Local to Hold An Important Meeting.

There will be a meeting of Stem Local Union Saturday, January 29th at 2 o'clock. The object of this meeting is to find the kind and quantity of guano wanted by the members of the Union for this crop. Orders will probably be taken at this meeting.

H. P. WEBB, Secretary.

## SUBSTITUTING INGREDIENTS

### LETTER FROM DR. MORRIS ON VITAL QUESTION

#### A Farmer Should Scrutinize Every Word on the Bag of Fertilizer and Understand What it Means.

Oxford, Route 2, Jan. 25, 1916.  
Editor Public Ledger:

Complying with your request to make a public statement as to the likelihood that spurious fertilizer might be foisted upon the public this year, I beg to say as follows:

The percentage of dishonest fertilizer manufacturers is no larger than that of any other class, I believe. Granting that it is just as large, which I also believe is not assuming too much, there is this year more than ordinary incentive to dishonesty.

First, there is going to be a lessened volume of business. In order to make that volume as large as possible, it would be expected that the margin of profits per unit of business would be narrowed.

Given, then, a lessened volume of business, on one hand, and a narrowed margin of profits on each unit of that lessened volume on the other hand, and you have a condition that would tempt any but the strictly honest fertilizer manufacturer to substitute the better but higher priced constituents of fertilizers with cheaper and poorer agents that would analyze by chemistry the necessary formula. For example, hoof meal has a good percentage of nitrogen, but will have little influence on plant growth.

Because of the hope that a product would escape the fertilizer inspector, as it might easily do, a dishonest manufacturer might substitute in some measure undissolved phosphate for the dissolved rock. The situation does not call for suspicion run riot; but it does demonstrate the worth of the ability of at least understanding the printed guarantee on every bag of fertilizer sold in the State.

The dishonest man is afraid of the law; and a guarantee on the bag not made good in the bag would make him punishable by law. Hence, a farmer should scrutinize every word on the bag of fertilizers he buys, and be sure to understand what it means, so he may have recourse to the law if by analysis it was found adulterated or misbranded. Here is where the average farmer becomes confused. The guarantee on the sack is to him sometimes more confusing than enlightening. Such matters should be taught and made in our public schools. The usefulness of the school might be extended to include many such sure needs as the addition of 8 and 7 to make 15. What is a school for but to help a man to take care of his own interests? Is not this one of them? The farmers' attitude toward this very principle would be a factor to embolden a dishonest fertilizer manufacturer to impose on him. The manufacturer knows his ignorance as well as his willingness not to be taught, knows that many of them are opposed to being taught; and certainly if there is profit in it for him, why should he not take it?

The State Chemist examines properly taken and certified samples of fertilizers, and does not require the name of the manufacturer, or the guaranteed analysis, until he tells you what he finds, and only then that he may prosecute, if it be found less than guaranteed.

J. A. MORRIS.

#### WHISKEY CIRCULARS

##### The Mails Are Flooded With Them. A Sample.

We herewith publish a sample of a whiskey circular sent out by a Norfolk house. The Public Ledger was requested to publish it, giving name and address and make our own charges. You will notice that we omit the name and address for fear that some one would be fool enough to order the vile stuff. The mails for the past few days has been literally flooded with the circulars, reading as follows:

"To meet the new law our distillery has made us a whiskey call 3 in 1 which when mixed with two quarts of boiled water makes three quarts of right good whiskey and 2 in 1 which when mixed with one quart of boiled water makes two quarts of right good whiskey. If you like it stronger add less water; but don't drink it straight for its too strong."

Here it is claimed that you can get one quart and raise it to three quarts. Try it once and we will wager that Mayor Stem will go you one better and make it twelve months.

Judge Devin Coming—The many friends of Judge W. A. Devin will be glad to learn that he will be in Oxford Monday and possibly Tuesday. There is always a hearty welcome for Judge Devin in Granville county.

## THE REVIVAL CLOSES

### ABOUT SIXTY CHRIST AND WILL JOIN CHURCHES

#### As a Result of the Spiritual Tidal Wave in the Community, Beginning at Tabernacle Church Last Summer, More Than Three Hundred Souls in the Community Have Been Saved.

Dr. Calvin B. Waller, the pastor-evangelist who for ten days conducted a revival at the Oxford Baptist church, was advised last Wednesday morning that the assistant pastor of his church in Asheville was critically ill, and it was therefore hastily arranged to close the services Wednesday night. There was much interest manifested in the series of meetings from the opening hour to the minute it closed. The interest was so great that the good people of Oxford wished that the meetings could continue at least a week longer, but the call of Dr. Waller to Asheville was urgent.

The series of meetings were of untold benefit to the community. About sixty persons, young and old accepted Christ and will connect themselves with the churches, besides a number of luke-warm Christians and backsliders renewed their faith. It was announced that forty-eight of those who confessed Christ will join the Baptist church and twelve will connect themselves with the other churches.

Starting with the Browning meetings last fall, followed by the revival at the Presbyterian church, and later at St. Stephen's church and the more recent revival at the Baptist church more than three hundred have joined the churches as a result of the great spiritual tidal wave that swept the community.

## THE FARMER'S INSTITUTE

### TO BE HELD AT NESBY, N.C.

#### Messrs. Frank Sherman, Dan T. Gray, Dr. Jas. A. Morris and Other Noted Speakers Will Discuss Vital Questions.

A Farmers' Institute, held under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Farmers' Institute Committee of Granville County will be held at Hester, Wednesday, February 9th, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Discussions on Farm Operations, Crops, Live Stock, Insect Pests, etc., by Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist; D. T. Gray, Chief of Division of Animal Husbandry, N. C. Experiment Station; the County Demonstrator, and others. Special emphasis will be given to diversification of crops, live stock, etc.

There will be held at the same time and place a Woman's Institute, conducted by Miss Minnie I. Jamison, assistant in Home Demonstration Work, and County Agents, to which women are invited to join in the discussion of subjects pertaining to Household Economics, Home Conveniences, Health in the Home, the Education of our children, and other topics of interest to mothers and home-makers.

Every one invited to take lunch and go prepared to spend the day, and help to make this the best Farmers' Institute ever held in the county.

Take a notebook and pencil so as to write down any particular information in regard to questions in which you are particularly interested.

A question box will be opened and the questions answered in a round table discussion in the afternoon.

## PROHIBITION

(For Public Ledger by Jacob Sternburg)

I likes dem law vat in dis Town  
And State contról de liquor,  
Cause I likes dram ven I vos vell,  
And yet more ven I'm sicker.

I goes and buys des vot I vant—  
It breaks no law to buy'er,  
But he who sells von leetle drop  
Vos rogue and tief and liar.

I vos a deacon in de church,  
I'm honest, straight and pious.  
It vos no harm to buy de stuff  
Though sold by Ananias.

I dink I hold my prominence  
For quite a leetle spell yet.  
But he who sells dem drink I buys  
Must surely go to hell yet.

#### Services at Hermon and Bethel

Chas. A. Jones, will preach the fifth Sunday at Hermon at 11 a. m., and at Bethel 2:30 p. m. The pastor is especially anxious for all to be present, as we want to talk some plans over for the new year.

Yours for service,  
CHAS. A. JONES.

## BETTER FARMING BETTER BUSINESS

### TOO MANY LAND SALE ADVERTISEMENTS

#### Not Enough Mercantile Advertising; Not Enough Push and Energy and Not Enough Business.

We met a prominent business man of Oxford on the streets yesterday and he told us that while he was highly delighted with the Public Ledger, there is one feature in the paper that always displeased him.

"Every copy of the Public Ledger I pick up," said the gentleman, "I see entirely too many land sale advertisements and not enough of commercial advertising."

"Look at Raleigh," continued the gentleman, "the merchants last week pulled more than \$65,000 to their city from the surrounding territory as a result of their 'Dollar Day' scheme."

The Public Ledger has tried in every conceivable way to induce our merchants to put on a "Dollar Day" once a week for several weeks. We argued that nearly \$25,000 is issued from the banks of Oxford every day to the farmers in this section, but the merchants shrug their shoulders and reply that they have not seen it. Possibly some of this money is finding its way to other marts because our merchants do not put their best foot foremost.

The twice-a-week Public Ledger speaks to more than 10,000 people every week. It is a silent salesman and if the merchants do not avail themselves of its usefulness by announcing a full and complete line from which to select, the public gets it into their heads that the stock of goods is old and incomplete.

Speaking of the land sales, we are very sure that there is no ground for alarm. The only trouble is that things have become a little stagnated, but a little confidence and exertion on the part of our business men will give things up almost instantly. If the community dispelled gloom instead of gloom all would be bright and in the pockets is the money that is in the pockets of the twenty thousand dollars paid out every day in Oxford not one-eighth of it finds its way back to the banks. It is indeed a pity that the community has so little confidence in the future. Amid the gloom and indecision the Public Ledger sees a bright star. Out of it will come a better faith in farming and business.

## SEEKS TO BREAK WILL

### The Second Wife of the Late W. H. Gooch Files Papers

(Richmond Special Jan. 25)

Alleging that she was in such a state of mind as to be incapable of intelligent business transaction at the time she attached her signature to a prenuptial contract by which she waived all dower rights in her husband's estate, being allowed only the interest on \$50,000 annually so long as she remained unmarried Mrs. Margaret Radcliffe Gooch, of Lexington, N. C., widow of Wayne H. Gooch wealthy retired liquor dealer of Clarkesville, Va., who committed suicide November 14, while returning from a bridal trip to California, just one month after the marriage and on the twenty-fourth birthday of his bride, filed papers in Federal court here today asking that the contract be annulled.

Mrs. Gooch who was Gooch's second wife and much younger than he, sets forth that the nuptial agreement was presented to her for signature only a few moments before the wedding at her home in Lexington. The Old Dominion Trust Company and Mrs. Gooch's married daughter, Mrs. Geo. Suhor, of Richmond, together with her husband, are named defendants in the action. The estate is valued at \$350,000.

## A VALUABLE FINGER RING

### It Was Baptized in the Blood of Stonewall Jackson.

Mrs. Rosa Wilkerson, relict of the late Dr. Wilkerson, so well known in Granville, is spending the winter with Mrs. Newton Smith on Haymount, Fayetteville.

In a conversation with Dr. McIver we learn that Mrs. Wilkerson has a finger ring which she prizes highly for the reason that it was stained by the blood of General Stonewall Jackson. Dr. Wilkerson, it will be remembered, was one of the most skilled surgeons of his day and while Jackson lay dying on the battlefield he and other surgeons of note did all they could to save his life.

We have heard it stated by the medical fraternity that Dr. Wilkerson persisted on a different line of treatment, which it is thought would have been the means of saving Jackson's life, but the majority ruled and the General passed away.

## A MOTHER IN TEARS

### HER CHILDREN SCATTERED TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH.

#### She Visits the Public Ledger Office and Sobs As She Relates How Her Children One By One Left The Old Home.

A dear old widow lady came into the Public Ledger office the other day and handed us a dollar and requested us to send the paper to her son at Hopewell. Her eyes were full of tears and we did not want to take the dollar, but she said, "No, it's not that."

Becoming somewhat composed, we learned from her trembling lips that of the seven children only one, a daughter, remained under the family roof.

One son, she said, enlisted in the army and was sent to Honolulu; another son left home eighteen months ago and has never written to her. At this point in the narrative the poor old mother again broke down and wept like her heart would break. It was a hard struggle to keep her tears back, but we learned that a daughter in Norfolk and a son in Texas wrote to her very often and occasionally inclose a sum of money.

"I have great hopes of my son who has a good job in Hopewell," said the old mother.

We stopped off at the powder town two hours during Christmas week and saw a whole lot more than we wanted to see, but we dared not speak the truth to her. Hopewell is indeed a dark spot in more ways than one; but who can tell, the poor old mothers' prayers may be answered and the son may be a source of great blessing to her.

Oh, the mystery of life and death! It was easy to see that the poor old mother's thoughts are uppermost with the wayward son who never wrote back to her.

We only know that after all the tinsel and glitter of life has become as nothing to the soul, there is left that love which the mother has in her heart.

## TEN MILLION POUND MARKET

### Mr. Sam Watkins Enlarged by a Citizen.

Noticing the big sales of tobacco at the Johnson Warehouse and the highly pleased farmers, a well known business man whispered into our ear:

"Do you know that if every man in Oxford would work as hard as Sam Watkins, Oxford would be a ten million pound market. He brings more tobacco across the border lines of the county than any man in it, besides getting a large share of the tobacco from the north end and the west side of the county."

The Public Ledger does not know from whence all the tobacco comes to the Johnson, but Mr. Watkins is certainly getting his share of the weed, and when the season is over it will be seen that he has sold more than one-fifth of 10,000,000 pounds. His sales this late in the year average from 30,000 to 40,000 daily.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

### Republicans, Old-Line, Stand Pat, Progressive Trying to Get Together.

Dr. G. T. Sikes, chairman, and R. H. Rogers secretary protem, have issued the following call:

"At one o'clock p. m., on February 7th, the Granville County Republican Convention will be held in the town of Oxford. All Republicans are invited and urged to attend."

"Matters of great interest to the party will be discussed, and it is hoped plans and courses adopted for a vigorous, united campaign."

"If you have any grievances, air them thoroughly before you attend, then come and lend your aid and influence to the establishment and maintenance of an organization, of the Republican Party in Granville County, North Carolina, and the Nation."

## Fine Entertainment

The pictures at the Orpheum Theatre are always fine, but the features on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights are exceptionally fine. The Pathe pictures twice-a-week at the Orpheum is held to be one of the best educational features yet devised. It is particularly interesting at this time as so much of the world's history is being made.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES?

ALL PARTIES NOW OWING TAXES FOR 1915. WILL PLEASE MAKE IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT YOUR TAXES WERE DUE ON OCT. 1st, 1915. 1916 IS HERE AND THE DIFFERENT FUNDS ARE MAKING DEMANDS UPON ME DAILY. I'M FORCED TO COLLECT NOW TO MEET THEM. PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS MATTER PROMPTLY.

YOURS VERY TRULY,  
S. C. HOBGOOD,  
SHERIFF GRANVILLE CO.