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## AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

### HERE IS WHERE LITTLE-BUTTER BUTTS IN.

The Day When People Voted For Men Just Because They Were "Good Fellows" Is a Thing of the Past.

Every qualified voter in this community should know his man thoroughly before casting his vote. He should know all candidates thoroughly before deciding for whom he will vote. Every candidate for public office has certain traits of character which should receive the spotlight of scrutiny before he receives even a single vote. The people should know that he is honest, that he is intelligent, that he is energetic and progressive, that he is competent to fill the position he seeks, and this knowledge can only be acquired by a careful study of the man and his deeds. The day when people voted for men just because they were "good fellows" is past. Now we are looking for men who are real men. Know your man before you vote.

The seeker for public office who possesses the wisdom necessary to qualify him for the position is alive to the fact that the voter of today has to be shown, that deeds count for more than empty words and cheap cigars. A few years ago the candidate circulated around passing out rag weed in the guise of cigars and declaiming upon the glories of the republic in general and the voter in particular. He promised everything and delivered little or nothing. Today he goes to the editor of the local paper, contracts for a liberal amount of legitimate display advertising space, and talks to the voters in an honest and manly way. In the old days he reached only a few of the voters, whereas by the present method he talks through the medium of his advertisement to every voter in the community. What he says is on record in cold type, and carries conviction. It is the method that produces tangible results, that gets the votes, that appeals to the intelligence of an honest people. Keep your eye on the advertising columns of this paper, and see what your candidates have to say.

Along comes Marion Butler, of Washington, and one J. E. Little, of Charlotte, both of whom endeavored to make Republican capital out of the taxation question in North Carolina. The Charlotte sage had broadcasted a letter dubbed "Political Thunder," while Butler soon followed with a pamphlet entitled "Excessive Taxes and Debt." Their whole aim is to discredit the Democratic administration in North Carolina by appealing to ignorance and prejudice against the State Democracy.

We don't know very much about Mr. Little except that he is little, but as to Butler we are not surprised that the State had to be defended from one of his numerous political assaults particularly about election time, when he thinks North Carolina may yet have good "pickings" for him. We do not see how the average voter would permit himself to be influenced or impressed by the Butler pamphlet when all he has to do is to observe the name of "Marion Butler" attached to it.

The improved school system and school interests of North Carolina are the things that Democrats and Republicans in this State ought to be proud of. Wonderful progress has been made, and whatever has been the taxation necessary to make that progress, the people are getting something for their money. Comparing school matters in North Carolina in 1898 with those of 1916 is like comparing a toy gun with a Krupp monster.

Why, indeed, if the North Carolina school system should need economy the State certainly could not look to Butler and his cohorts for or expect of them relief or betterment of any description.

## OXFORD COLLEGE NOTES

### The Affable President of the College Celebrates Birthday

The anniversary of the birthday of the Father of Our Country was appropriately observed Tuesday morning of last week at Oxford College.

This was also the birthday of the beloved president of the college, and the testimonies of love and esteem from the student body showed that Washington lives in the hearts of his countrymen, so will the president of Oxford College live in the hearts and lives of the young women of the State—the young women for whom he has done so much.

It is stated that one of the young ladies of the College inquired of President Hobgood what mile stone in his life they were celebrating. "You will observe, young lady, that that is not on the program," replied the affable president with a smile.

## FINE SPEAKERS HERE FRIDAY

### FORMER GOVERNOR PATTERSON AND DR. SWADNER

The Distinguished Gentlemen Will Lecture at the Oxford Baptist Church—The Public Cordially Invited to Hear Them.

At a formal meeting of the deacons of all the churches in Oxford last week it was arranged to have former Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, and Dr. Swadner, of the National Anti Saloon League, to lecture in the Oxford Baptist Church next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The two gentlemen are recognized as the foremost leaders in the fight for National Constitutional Prohibition.

Admission is free and all are welcome. This is one of thousands of "Dry America" Rallies that are being held over the Nation. It is for both men and women and the church should be crowded to the doors. During the past two years these speakers have been campaigning in all parts of the country, and rarely has a building been found large enough to accommodate the crowds that throng to hear them. The widest possible hearing should be given these distinguished speakers.

## THE JAIL IS EMPTY

### Turnkey Conrad Walters Takes a Day Off.

With one stroke of the pen Judge Devin banished all of the jail birds to the roads and left Mr. Conrad Walters without a single boarder. It was the first Sunday in the history of the county, or at least as far back as memory will carry, that no one was fastened up in the jail and had to be fed. Several times before, the jail has been empty for a few days at a time, but somehow or other some one had to get drunk on Saturday night and spoil the whole business.

Mr. Walters on leaving the Court House Saturday evening stated to the officers that in the event any one committed a crime he wished they would tie him to a tree until Monday morning as he desired to see how he would feel not to be bothered with caring for the prisoners on the Sabbath day.

The doors and gate of the jail are now standing wide open. The old thing is as clean as a pin, but Sheriff Hobgood will cut down a dead tree in the enclosure and rake over the ground and sprinkle lime as a precaution. Sheriff Hobgood is a fine sanitary officer as well as a splendid sheriff, and when he scents anything wrong around the Court House or jail he gets after the janitor with a hot poker.

## CHANCE FOR GOOD BOYS

### Loan Fund to the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Dr. D. H. Hill, President of the A. and M. College, Raleigh, has announced that the college has been offered a loan fund of \$1,000 by the Southern Railway for the purpose of aiding boys who are unable to pay their way through college to obtain an education. The fund is perpetual and was founded by the railroad in honor of the late W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway Company.

The fund will be given in small sums to such students as need the money, and will be repaid by them after leaving college and going to work.

## COLORED MAN LOSES BARN

### Barn and Entire Contents are Destroyed by Fire.

J. L. Eaton, colored, of Route 3, had the misfortune on last Thursday night to lose his barn and its entire contents by fire. When the fire was discovered it was too late to get the stock out, one horse, two mules, one milch cow and several pigs perishing in the flames. Everyone in that section knows Eaton and says that he is an honest and progressive farmer and are very sorry that he suffered this misfortune.

## Tom Pace Honored

Tom Pace who is a student at Woodbury Forest preparing to enter the University of Virginia, was selected as orator to speak in the contest of declaimers at Richmond, when the best speaker will be awarded a gold medal. He was awarded a medal in the school contest at Woodbury Forest, and also received the gold medal in Granville county contest of declaimers.

## Strong Bill at the Orpheum

The Orpheum Theatre was crowded Monday night to see the presentation of St. Elmo. "The Diamond from the Sky" serial, every Tuesday night, grows in interest as it approaches the end. The pictures every night this week, including the "Broken Coin," which has been revised, are very strong features.

## THE WAR

### THE GERMANS LOSE 150,000 MEN IN THE FOUR DAY'S BATTLE AROUND VERDUN

One of the Seven Defences Protecting Verdun From Northwest Given Up By the French—Onslaught Has Had Few Precedents Since War Began—French Express Confidence Verdun Will Hold Out—The German Emperor is at the Front.

The Associated Press reports estimate the German losses during the four days of battle around Verdun at 150,000 killed. With the ground literally strewn with the dead and wounded the Germans succeed in capturing Fort Douaumont.

Douaumont is one of the cluster of seven forts protecting Verdun from the east. The conquest of this fort was made by the right wing of the huge attacking army, which has scored the greatest advances in the assault on the French positions. Douaumont is somewhat to the east of what has hitherto been the principal line of progress, being situated four miles east of the Meuse river. The main force of the German attack, as indicated by the previous official communications, was being exerted southward along the Meuse.

The capture of Douaumont is the most important achievement since the inauguration of the German drive from Verdun, an onslaught which for fury and weight of men and guns has few precedents in the war.

## Germans Determined

The resoluteness of the Germans to capture the fortress is explained by the fascination that the name Verdun has had on the minds of the Germans people since 1792, and the consequent moral value of its fall to the Germans. This psychological reason in the judgment of high official critics explains the presence of Emperor William behind the troops, and the orders of the day issued to the army by the Crown Prince and the generals.

## London and Paris in Danger

The importance to England of the battle raging around Verdun was emphasized by Maj. Sir Francis Lloyd, general officer commanding the London district, in a speech Saturday at the opening of a military building at Wimbledon.

"In the great war which is now proceeding," said General Lloyd, "every individual must give up self absolutely and all must unite in one bond to make war result in victory. Do you realize that fight is now going on for a passage to Paris? The result will hang in the balance until the Teuton is driven back, as I have great confidence he will be.

"But if once our allies' line is pierced the way will be open to the French capital, and if that capital is reached a new complexion would be put on our lives and being. A German success on the French front would not merely mean the loss of Paris but would endanger London."

## German Valor

A Paris special says that the Germans began preparations for the battle early in December, when the first troops assigned to the operation were brought up. Eight divisions that returned from Serbia were sent to Belgium for a rest, and then transported to the region of Verdun in January. Five army corps in all are known to have been brought up to reinforce two corps which previously held that part of the line between Etain and Vauquois. These were the best troops of the German army, including as it is learned from prisoners, the famous Third corps of Brandenburg, supposedly equal in valor to the Prussian Guard, and the Fifteenth Army Corps, commanded by Gen. Von Deimling, known in France as one of the most brilliant of the German general officers.

## Purely Speculative

The French war office has expressed confidence that notwithstanding the admitted weight of the great German drive, Verdun and its protecting fortresses would be able to hold out. These fortresses have been described as one of the greatest strongholds of Europe. It is the strongest fortress of France, and is of a particular importance from the fact that it offers direct communication with Paris, which is 150 miles to the west. The Public Ledger is of the opinion that in the event the Germans pass the forts encircling Verdun they will destroy both Paris and London. We are rather of the opinion that the Germans cannot break through the lines. In the early stages of the war the Germans hammered at the forts around Liege for forty days and nights. The American War College pronounces the forts around Verdun to be almost impregnable. A vast sacrifice in men will be exacted of the defenders, but it will not at its worst be comparable to that of the attacking columns. In expectation of the character of the task the Germans are said to have massed in re-

## MR. CAM HUNT IN HOSPITAL

### WAS TAKEN TO RICHMOND LAST SUNDAY

Internal Troubles Threaten the Life of the Popular County Official—An Operation May Be Necessary.

The thousands of friends of Mr. Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court, will regret to learn that he is now in a Richmond hospital. It is stated that he is suffering from internal troubles, and, as such, grave fears are entertained in the event a surgical operation is necessary.

Dr. Cannady accompanied Mr. Hunt to Richmond Sunday and he will remain by his side during the consultation.

Mr. Hunt was taken down about three weeks ago, but rallied sufficiently to come to his office one day during court week. On his return home during the afternoon he was taken with a severe attack.

During Mr. Hunt's illness, Mr. J. A. Shotwell is in charge of the Clerk's office.

## LIQUOR IN THE SEWER

### Seventy-Five Gallons Destroyed by Order of Judge Devin.

By order of Judge Devin, the Hunter-Johnson liquor, the Kersey poison, the Calvin Lyon lightning and the Reubin Parker corn juice, amounting in all to about seventy-five gallons of the vilest stuff ever concocted, was destroyed by Sheriff Hobgood Saturday in the presence of a number of responsible witnesses. The liquor was in jugs, bottles and a large thirty-five gallon tankard. It had been in the custody of the Sheriff for sometime and it was a great relief to him when he saw it emptied into the sewer at the jail.

The Hunter-Johnson liquor was in a tankard. It was captured several months ago on the National Highway en route to Durham. It was so constructed and arranged on an autocar that it passed up and down the public highway several times without being molested, but Chief Whittaker at Stem finally picked it up. The tank was galvanized and the liquor had stood in it so long that the fluid was as black as ink when it was emptied last Saturday. At the price whiskey is sold at in the back lots in Oxford, the seventy-five gallons destroyed Saturday would have netted the owners something like \$500.

Sheriff Hobgood also destroyed four large copper stills Saturday. These were cut up into small pieces and sold to a junk man in Norfolk.

## THE CRUCIFIXION

### The Oxford Choral Club Will Sing at the Oxford Methodist Church

The Oxford Choral Club sustained their reputation so well last week it will be a genuine pleasure to the cultured people of Oxford to learn that the Club will sing "The Crucifixion" at the Oxford Methodist Church on the evening of Good Friday. It is announced that Prof. Poteat, of Wake Forest, who is well known to musical Oxford, will assist in presenting the sacred drama.

It is also a source of pleasure to learn that the Choral Club will present another strong program at an early date, at which time Miss Kuyk the soprano soloist who so charmingly entertained last week, will assist. Miss Kuyk and Prof. Poteat are sure to draw a full house on their return to Oxford.

The Oxford Choral Club is a strong organization, so far as talent is concerned. The Club presents nothing but high class music—rather too high for the average Oxfordtonian. If they rattled off a few rag time selections and a jig or two, they would fill the house. The Club should be commended for their high ideals and it is the duty of all good citizens to give them liberal support. Misses Katherine Johnson and Adriana Kuyk, who entertained Oxford audiences with their sweet voices last week was an inspiration to Oxford music lovers.

## FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

To the people of Granville County: I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of Register of Deeds, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. I will appreciate any and all support.

JACK C. HOWARD.

serve an army of 750,000 men to take advantage of any breach made by the first lines. The desperate character of the assault and the equally desperate character of the resistance has already resulted in perhaps the largest losses sustained in any previous battle—and Verdun has not yet been taken.

Military writers express the conviction that the Kaiser's army will be compelled to retire from around Verdun in great disorder. But the Germans have proved themselves superior at every turn and the world awaits the results of the big battle now raging around Verdun.

## THE LAST DAYS OF COURT

### THE JURY AWARDS MR. BADGER CHANDLER \$215.00

A Most Intelligent Jury Faces the Bench—Judge Devin at the Closing Hour Commends the Court Officials.

Superior Court adjourned Friday evening with the civil calendar practically cleaned up. A few cases were continued from one cause or another, but this term was remarkable for the number of cases tried and disposed of or settled by compromise judgment. The lawyers say that quite a number of old cases have been finally disposed of and without doubt they are glad to get the docket cleared up.

Two divorce cases were tried at this term and divorces granted in each case. One Johnson vs. Johnson and the other was Steed vs. Steed. Graham & Son appeared for the plaintiff in the first case and Hicks & Stem for plaintiff in the other.

In the case of C. G. Daniel vs. J. A. Hutchins, which was an appeal from a Justice of the Peace and involved only a very small amount, there was a settlement and judgment without trial, plaintiff taking a non-suit. Mr. Daniel was represented by Mr. Lassiter and Mr. Brummitt while Hicks & Stem and Gen. Royster appeared for Mr. Hutchins.

In the case of J. D. Decker vs. A. M. Daniel there was judgment against the defendant for a small amount, an agreement having been reached between the parties without a jury trial. This case had been tried before Judge Cooke and a mistrial had at a previous term of the court. Hicks & Stem represented the plaintiff and Mr. Lassiter and Gen. Royster appeared for defendant.

The appeal of the plaintiff in the case of Stockdell Hardware Co., vs. Acme Hardware Co., was dismissed. Mr. Hester appeared for plaintiff, while Gen. Royster looked after the interests of defendant.

There were two cases of T. C. Howell vs. I. E. Harris, taken up on appeal from a Justice of the Peace. The matters in controversy were compromised and settled between the parties without a jury trial and judgments signed in favor of the plaintiff. Mr. Brummitt represented the plaintiff in these cases, while Mr. Hester appeared for defendant.

In the case of N. H. Cannady vs. F. W. Hancock there was likewise settlement without trial and judgment entered for the plaintiff. Hicks & Stem appeared for Mr. Cannady (Continued on page 8.)

## IN THE RACE

### Mr. Jack Howard is in the Running For Register of Deeds.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the card of Mr. Jack C. Howard, who announces his candidacy for the office of Register of Deeds, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Everybody in the county knows Mr. Howard. He has long been the efficient secretary of the Flat River Association. His card was omitted from the last issue through mistake.

We suppose that Mr. J. B. Powell, the present Register of Deeds, will be the only opposition that Mr. Howard will have in the race, but there is some talk of a third man for the place. The Public Ledger is informed that Mr. H. J. Robards, County Treasurer, will be opposed by a very strong man. We are not at liberty at this time to divulge the name of Mr. Robard's opponent.

## THE DRY GOODS MARKET

### Scarcity in Some Lines and the Tendency Is Higher.

We get a smattering of what one may expect the coming season by reference to the advertisement of Landis & Easton published elsewhere in the Public Ledger. Fortunately for this section that Landis & Easton had the foresight to purchase or bargain for goods before the markets of the world advanced. Mr. Landis is now in New York seeing that shipments are made immediately. The old and reliable firm advise their customers to buy early as there is a scarcity in several lines of goods. Read the announcement elsewhere in this paper and be in a position to take advantage of a rare opportunity awaiting you.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES?

The time has come when your State and County Taxes must be settled. All unpaid taxes is a liability on me. I'm called upon daily for money to satisfy the demands for the State, School, County and Road Funds, with nothing in hand to pay over. They have the law to force me and the same law forces me to collect. I shall perform this duty promptly, unless you make settlement now.

This Notice is for all parties whose taxes are not paid.  
S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.