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MANNINGS TAKES BACK STEP.

Falls to Carry Bond Election For Improved Highways.

The last weeks issue of the Spring Hope Leader laments the action of the voters of Mannings township, who seemingly could not appreciate the importance of the matter of improved highways...

The Leader this week represents a lost cause. The bond election Saturday in Mannings township was a failure. There were 456 registered voters, 193 of these voted for bonds and 264 voted against bonds...

For several years past Mannings has had the simple taxation system for working the public roads but there are few if any visible signs that anything has been accomplished...

Why Not Require Notice.

There is increasing protest against the partnership which the federal government enters into with law-breakers when it issues licenses to sell liquor at retail in dry territory...

FARMERS TO MEET

Dates Arranged Are August 29, 30 and 31

Many Things of Interest Will be Discussed by Experts From This State and Elsewhere—The Boys' Corn Clubs.

Secretary J. O. Schaub, of the Farmers' Convention, which is to be held at the A. and M. College, August 29th, 30th, and 31st., has secured some noted speakers from other states for the occasion.

Mr. W. H. Merriman, a practical farmer of Illinois, will give a talk on his experience in raising hogs, particularly Berkshires.

Mr. Ernest Starnes, of Hickory, N. C., will appear on the program with Mr. Martin and tell how he made 148 bushels of corn on one acre at a cost of 27 cents a bushel.

Mr. W. W. Garner, of the department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will give a lecture on the curing of tobacco. Mr. Garner is an expert on this subject and spends his time in the field during the harvesting season experimenting in this line.

Reduced rates have been secured on all the railways, and excursions will be run over the larger lines.

The Pine Tree Beetle.

Whatever can be done to protect our southern forests and preserve them for wise and judicious use should be attempted. Our forests are one of our richest legacies...

Recently there has been established at Spartanburg, S. C., a forest insect field station for the investigation of an insect that is doing considerable damage to the pine trees of that section.

The station is now endeavoring to accumulate exact information as to the localities in which the destructive beetle works. In November the plan is to issue exact information as to methods of destruction to be employed in the battle to be waged against the insect.

Stay In The Country.

The "back to the farm movement" is all right and will benefit the country and the cities, provided the people who return to the country belong to the class which has been successful in the cities and towns.

Some people will attain a measure of success in the country, will be able to make a living and to live happily, who would prove utter failures in the city and gain nothing but poverty and misery by attempting to live there.

The Drug Habit.

No intelligent person can take a stand against medicine. Some people who never take any medicine would be in better condition to take some occasionally. Some who take it now and then really need it oftener than they get it.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

Is The Coast Line Going Into Raleigh.

Some Interesting Statements From Railway Officials as to this Much Discussed Matter

Rocky Mount, N. C.—Is the Atlantic Coast Line going into Raleigh by way of Spring Hope and Bunn, and has the agreement with the Seaboard Air Line terminated whereby as long as the Atlantic Coast Line used the bridge across Roanoke river that the Atlantic Coast Line railroad was to stay out of Raleigh?

There has been considerable discussion provoked, which was evidenced by an article in the state press on Wednesday morning, when it was explained that an agreement as outlined had long existed with the Seaboard and that now the Atlantic Coast Line was about to complete its new double track bridge across the Roanoke river, that it might be expected that such an agreement would be broken and that the Atlantic Coast Line might enter Raleigh, the route suggested being the nearest possible, from Spring Hope to Bunn and on through to Raleigh, a distance of less than twenty-five miles.

When railroad folks hereabouts were asked about the report they stated that they knew nothing whatever about such a plan, though it was entirely possible for the directors of the system to have the matter under advisement, without their having any knowledge of the matter.

When asked about the agreement with the Seaboard as outlined, for the use of the Roanoke river bridge to stay out of Raleigh, it was explained that no such agreement existed, and that the Atlantic Coast Line has its own bridge across Roanoke river in order that it might accommodate its double tracking from Rocky Mount to Richmond, and which is in keeping with the improvements now being put through by this company for the district between here and Richmond.

The statement was made that the Atlantic Coast Line owned the standard gauge passenger line from Spring Hope to Bunn. However, this is incorrect, as it is owned and operated by the Montgomery Lumber Company, which is in no sense connected with the Atlantic Coast Line, that is so far as people hereabouts are aware.

"Working on the old adage that there is always some fire where there is so much smoke," explained an official, "it might be expected that the Atlantic Coast Line will some day go into Raleigh. But as to my plans for the near future there are none so far as the knowledge of people hereabouts extends."

That the matter has been long talked in fact for the past dozen years is a matter well known.

What a War Costs.

It costs \$1,000 every time a thirteen-inch gun is fired. A battleship in war carries eight hundred projectiles, two thousand medium and ten thousand small calibre, and the cost of firing them would exceed a million and a half dollars.

The fighting ships to be employed by European powers in case of war would extend, if placed end to end, for a distance of one hundred and fifty miles. In case of war Europe will put 40,000,000 men into the field. It would take eleven weeks, four hours and thirty minutes for a fighting force of this size to pass a certain point.

Ships in the United States Navy are given target practice every few months and these tests cost up in the thousands. At several of the recent target tests old war vessels were used as targets, this destruction being object of the gunners. Many of the smaller guns made at the navy yard in Washington, D. C., are tested at great expense at Indian Head, down the Potomac river several miles from the capital. Special tests these tests.—Carolina Union.

EPIDEMIC Baffles Doctors.

Peculiar Disease Claims Number of Victims in Mitchell County.

Asheville, N. C.—A fatal epidemic prevails in Mitchell county, which has heretofore been unknown to medical science, and is baffling skilled physicians who have made every effort to check the malady, which manifests itself by small bloodshot stains on the tips of the fingers, passing through the arm into the body and resulting in death within a few days after the first sign appears.

There are no paroxysms accompanying the attack. The finger tips along the arm into the body and reaches the heart within a day or two resulting invariably in immediate and apparently painless death.

No permanent relief has thus far been discovered and it is reported that the rapidity with which the malady is spreading has become alarming.

Rocking The Boat.

We do not pretend to criticize those editors of the state who have seen fit to speak out in meeting on political affairs generally, but The Star has deprecated what evidently is mistaken judgment in the open attacks made on the various candidates seeking the Senatorial nomination in the State. We doubt whether any State or any party could put in the field four more able, loyal, and invulnerable men as are now candidates for the Carolina Senatorship, but that other editors look on verily from a different standpoint from us, is quite evident from the manner in which they have sailed into this fight. It is not one candidate, but all who have figured in uncomplimentary references, and it was against just this kind of business the Star long ago gave warning. We foresee now rough sledding for the party, and if at this early stage of the campaign, about sixteen months in advance of the primary, the thunder bolts are beginning to be hurled, we can surely expect a party so torn to pieces that we will be surprised if it even stands a chance of electing the next Senator.

Along the line that the Star has strived we find the Charlotte Chronicle saying this of the attacks made on Governor Kitchin, who is one of the four Senatorial aspirants:

"It has been the pleasure of certain politicians in the State to set running some insinuations as to the unfaithfulness of Governor Kitchin to his ante-election pledges to slay the trusts. Now the charge has been openly made by two correspondents in the News and Observer and backed by the editor of that paper, that Governor Kitchin is a recreant, or worse. That North Carolina has failed to drive capital from its borders in a fashion to suit these anti-trust warriors is a matter for which an intelligent legislature is to blame. Governor Kitchin did not find it necessary to meddle with the business of this legislature, or impugn its intelligence, is a fact that should be written to his credit. Gov. Kitchin's conservatism has galled a certain faction of the party, while it has pleased another and larger faction. That the extremists have not been able to bend him to their will has always been a sore disappointment to them. We believe that in this matter Governor Kitchin will be able to make good his defense. We are perfectly willing to await his pleasure in doing so."

We see no way of staying the fight, but after all it may be a newspaper war that will sound louder than it is. We fear, however, that it matters not how the fight goes and who is nominated, irretrievable damage will be done to the Democracy of the State. It depends how cool and level-headed the voters can remain amid the fulminations of men more interested in the Senatorship than the law allows.—Wilmington Star.

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