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THE DRAINAGE CONVENTION.

Mr. Long Talks of the Work in Catawba County—Petitions to Have the Lands Drained.

Mr. C. E. Long, of Newton, formerly a member of the board of commissioners of Catawba county, made a talk before the convention on the work being accomplished in his county. Mr. Long stated that he knew of land in his county that the owners would have gladly sold for \$10.00 an acre before it was drained, or since the draining of the land had refused \$100.00 an acre for it. He said that there were places along the creeks in Catawba county, where people formerly caught large cat fish that were now producing large crops of corn. Mr. Long said that they drained seven hills at a cost of \$525.00 per mile and at the average cost per acre of \$12.50, and that it required 21 days to drain a mile. Mr. Long stated that the people of his county had accomplished great results from draining their lowlands and the same could be accomplished in this county if the people would get together and push the work.

Messrs. W. M. Long, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Mecklenburg county, J. S. Mayer, J. G. Shannonhouse and W. S. Pharr, were present as representatives from Mecklenburg county, and assured the convention that Mecklenburg would heartily support and co-operate with Cabarrus in this great movement. In the course of his remarks Chairman Long stated that in his opinion there was one creek in Mecklenburg county that if properly drained would produce enough corn to supply the needs of the entire county.

Mr. Kestler asked if there were representatives present who would get up a petition to have the land drained? Mr. Shakespeare Harris responded as a representative from Rocky River. Mr. C. A. Morris from Dutch Buffalo. The responses began to come thick and fast and men who live near practically every stream in the county volunteered to take the initial steps in launching a movement that would result in draining the many acres of fertile land and along the banks of the various creeks and streams.

Mr. Chas. McDonald stated to the convention that he could remember the time when there were great quantities of feed stuff shipped out of this county, and at that time a large amount of it was produced on the fertile acres along the creeks that are now unfit for cultivation on account of not being drained properly. The following statistics will show as to how large an extent we are failing to produce the necessary food stuff to supply our home needs, all of which and more could easily be produced on the very lands that are now unfit for cultivation on account of not being drained:

The amount of bacon, flour, corn, oats and mill feed shipped into Cabarrus county during the last twelve months as reported by five of the largest dealers in these articles, together with an estimate of 25 per cent, which amount we think is a conservative estimate of the amount handled by other concerns of the city.

Bacon, 188,750 pounds.
Flour, 28,250 barrels.
Corn, 37,375 pounds.
Oats, 20,625 bushels.
Mill feed, 700 tons.
Live hogs, 400.
Beef cattle, 300.

Some Concord Items in the Salisbury Post.

Mr. John A. Sims went to Concord this morning to spend a few days on his farm.

Mrs. F. V. Barrier went to Concord yesterday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. W. T. Klutz returned Sunday night from a visit to relatives in Concord.

Mrs. A. D. Melton, of Concord, after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Atwell, returned home Sunday.

Miss Lola Sappenfield, one of Concord's popular young ladies who has been spending several weeks with Miss Elma Peeler in the county, returned home last night. Miss Peeler accompanied her home to spend a few days.

Mr. W. F. Campbell, of Concord, was in the city today on his way to Lexington to take charge of the spinning department of the Winona Mill there. He has been in the employ of the Locke Mills company for some time.

The National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, is still living, though it is seldom if ever, heard of in this part of the country. Its headquarters are maintained at Concord, N. H., and Naham J. Bacheider, is master.

The census returns so far show that the cities are growing out of proportion to the country districts.

NEW LUTHERAN PASTOR.

Paper at His Present Home Speaks Highly of New Pastor of St. James.

The Somerset Democrat, published at Somerset, Pa., near Myersdale, where Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, the new pastor to be of St. James Lutheran church here, has been pastor for four years, says of him: Sunday morning the members of the congregation of the Lutheran church of Myersdale were greatly surprised when their pastor, Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, announced that he had accepted a call from St. James Lutheran church, of Concord, N. C., and would take charge of the new appointment October 1st.

Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin accepted the pastorate of the Myersdale church October 1, 1906. During the past four years he has worked most diligently for the upbuilding of the church, and has succeeded beyond his most sanguine hopes. Among some of the things Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin has accomplished are the following: A new pipe organ, costing \$3,000, has been installed; an extension was built to the church at a cost of \$1,000; a new Brotherhood room made at a cost of \$500; the church redecorated at a cost of \$300, making about five thousand dollars spent for improvements, nearly all of which has been paid.

About two hundred new members have been received into the church, there being on the rolls now 525 members; the Sunday School has been graded and the membership increased from 175 to 350.

The Luther Brotherhood, which Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin organized, was the first organized Adult Bible Class in Somerset county and continues to be one of the active organizations of the church.

As a preacher, Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin is unusually strong. His sermons are always sound in doctrine, carefully thought out, always interesting and splendidly delivered. As a speaker, he ranks very high. As a pastor, Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin is most successful. He is not only loved by the members of his own congregation, but the people of Myersdale, of all denominations, hold him in the highest regard.

Concord, the town where Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin has accepted the call, has a population of about ten thousand. It is a county seat town, growing rapidly, in a very delightful section of the country.

Rev. Mr. MacLaughlin's successor has not yet been chosen.

The Taft-Sherman-Roosevelt Row.

Aug. 10.—Announced that Roosevelt would be a delegate to the Republican convention.

Aug. 15.—Hurried conference of "old guard" to prevent election of Roosevelt as temporary chairman.

Aug. 15.—Sherman telephones from New York to Taft at Beverly telling of proposal to oppose Roosevelt for temporary chairman with Root. Taft protests the plan. Suggests conference with Roosevelt. Sherman writes to Roosevelt asking for a conference, but letter does not reach Sagamore's Hill until after meeting of State Committee.

Aug. 16.—Republican State Committee meets. Turns down Roosevelt. Names Sherman for temporary chairman. Roosevelt, led to believe that the President was a party to the committee's action, all but declares war on Taft.

Aug. 17.—Sherman calls on Taft, who deprecates action of State Committee. Gets Sherman's promise to agree to a conference with Roosevelt to adjust the situation.

Aug. 22.—No perceptible steps taken by Sherman to reconcile Roosevelt.

Aug. 22.—Taft jumps into the breach with a peace-offering in the form of a letter detailing the facts. Roosevelt says he is pleased with the President's letter, but that he doesn't know how far the situation will be changed by it. Sherman states he has nothing to say.

Mr. Dusenbery's New Medicine.

Mr. Gowan Dusenbery, president of the Gowan Medical Co., is at home after a six weeks absence north in the interest of his company. Mr. Dusenbery is exhibiting a new production of his well known medical establishment in "Oxibo Soap." This new product contains many ingredients that are good for the cure of eczema, pimples, stains and other skin affections, and has already found great favor with ladies, as evidenced by the large and growing demand wherever it has been introduced. Mr. Dusenbery believes that there is a great future for this soap as for his company's parent production, Gowan's Preparation, which has already attained a national reputation.

In the rich valley of christianity the flowers of happiness bloom most sweetly.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. A. R. Hoover has gone to Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. M. E. Nathan, of Charlotte, is a Concord visitor today.

Miss Gertrude Lafferty has returned from Piedmont Springs.

Mr. P. C. Sadler, of Charlotte, is spending the day in the city.

Mr. W. R. Odell left Tuesday night on the Atlantic City special.

Mrs. R. A. Patterson and son, Lester, have gone to Atlantic City.

Miss Salene Hutchison, of Charlotte, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Odell.

Misses Hattie Pounds and Nellie Glass are visiting friends in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. F. Yorke, of Charlotte, is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. F. Rogers.

Mr. Ralph Boyd will leave tonight for Norman, Okla., where he will locate.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hawthorne have gone to Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. L. Barnette, of Anderson, S. C., is visiting her son, Mr. A. O. Norris.

Mrs. W. G. Means and Miss Kate Means have returned from Hot Springs.

Col. Ludlow, of Winston-Salem, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Cannon.

Miss Jaunita Starrette, of Gastonia, is visiting at the home of Capt. J. M. Alexander.

Mrs. Ed. Freeze, of High Point, is visiting at the home of her father, Capt. H. B. Parks.

Miss Janet Quinn, of Salisbury, spent yesterday in the city the guest of Miss Ellen Gibson.

Mr. H. I. Woodhouse has returned from Old Fort, where he has been spending several days.

Mr. T. D. Maness, who has been with Mr. W. M. Smith's camp in Virginia, will be home tonight.

Miss Alvania Guthrie, who has been visiting Mrs. R. A. Brower, has returned to her home in Burlington.

Miss Fleeta Crowell, who has been the guest of Mrs. Walter Ritchie, has returned to her home in Salisbury.

Mrs. W. F. Goodman will return tonight from Hot Springs, Ark., where she has been spending several weeks.

Mr. Luther Weddington, arrived Tuesday from New York, where he has been taking a course in embalming.

Messrs. C. G. Heilig and D. B. Welsh, of Mt. Pleasant, went on the Atlantic City excursion Tuesday night.

Prof. Preston Lewis Gray, principal of the Bingham School, at Mebane, is a visitor in the city in the interest of his school.

Mrs. R. O. Burton and daughter, Miss Anna, who have been visiting Mrs. F. J. Haywood, will leave tonight for Mt. Airy, Md.

Miss Minnie Waddell and her father, Mr. I. H. Waddell, left last night for Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Misses Mossie Long and Minnie Stansell, of Rockingham, and Miss Lillie Dockery, of Mississippi, are the guests of Miss Grace Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Gregory, who have been spending the summer at Ocean View, Va., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson.

Rev. J. A. J. Farrington left this morning for Greensboro where he will spend two weeks visiting relatives and friends. He was accompanied by his young son, Kirby.

Mr. Ed. H. DeCamp, editor of the Gaffney, S. C., Ledger and family spent last night in the city with the family of Mr. Will Parnell. They came up in their automobile.

HOKE SMITH NOMINATED.

Returns Indicate that Ex-Governor Has Been Chosen by Democrats.

The Democratic primaries were held in Georgia Tuesday. Hoke Smith, the former Governor who was beaten by Joseph M. Brown two years ago, reverses that result, and is again nominated, defeating Brown.

Hoke Smith has 82 counties and 204 votes in the State convention, enough to elect him the next governor of Georgia. Brown had 30 counties.

Of the first 34 counties reported, Smith had apparently safe leads in 20. He carried Fulton county, including the city of Atlanta, by 530 majority. In the two hours preceding midnight but seven counties were heard from and Smith managers appeared worried by the slowness of the returns. Usually the Georgia returns are in well before midnight. Hoke Smith gave out a statement that he was satisfied he would have 40 votes more than necessary in the convention.

Congressman Thomas W. Hadwick carried the Tenth district by a very small margin, according to unofficial figures available late last night.

The Atlanta Constitution, an anti-Smith paper, concedes the nomination of Smith.

The Teachers' Institute.

Several more teachers enrolled in the Institute this morning. The conductors are pleased to note that all the teachers seem to manifest a proper interest in the work. Quite a number of teachers have said that this is the most practical Institute they have ever attended. The special features of the Institute this afternoon will be the Practice School by Miss Harris and Drawing by Mrs. D. W. Reid, of Virginia.

This practice school is attracting quite a large number of the teachers. Miss Harris shows what she can do with twenty-five little fellows who have never been to school, teaching them only one hour a day.

We learn that the exercises of the Institute, except the Practice School, are open to the public and all those who wish to attend, will be welcome. Lack of room is the only reason why visitors cannot be admitted to the Practice School.

Odell Scores Roosevelt.

Benj. B. Odell, former governor of New York, in an interview in Paris Tuesday vigorously attacked Col. Roosevelt. Said he:

"Not only is Roosevelt violent and uncouth, but he is a bitter enemy of the trusts and the American protective tariff policy and would tear both these down if he could. Taft on the other hand, is a prudent defender of both the trusts and the tariff. All this talk of Roosevelt supplementing Taft is foolish. Taft is growing in popularity, with Roosevelt's popularity on the wane."

Circus tents give in-tents delight.

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A CASE IN POINT.

If a Farmer Can Raise 50 Bushels to Acre on Upland, How Much Could He Raise on Bottoms of Rich Land?

A well known farmer of the county (although he is not generally known as a farmer, but he is a farmer all right and a real live progressive one at that) stated Tuesday night that he had corn on uplands that would produce 50 bushels to the acre this year. This same farmer also stated that he had probably 100 acres of land along the banks of Rocky River that were uncultivated on account of not being properly drained. The question is, if this farmer can produce fifty bushels of corn per acre on a hillside how many bushels would he produce to the acre on the fertile bottom lands of Rocky River after they were properly drained?

This progressive citizen realizes the advantages to this section of draining the lowlands and says that he is willing to pay cash for his assessment toward the work.

This question is of vital importance to our county and our citizens are too intelligent not to co-operate with this work after the movement is properly launched. Now is the time to begin an organization of the landowners along every stream in the county, as it will be useless to wait until corn planting time next March, and while breaking some old rocky hillside with a little scoter plow, look down on some bottom land, where only bull rush is flourishing and say: "I could make a hundred bushels of corn an acre down there if I could only plow that bottom, but it is always too wet."

Junior Order Has Gratifying Growth.

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DRAINING THE CREEKS.

This Movement Next in Importance to the Building of Good Roads.

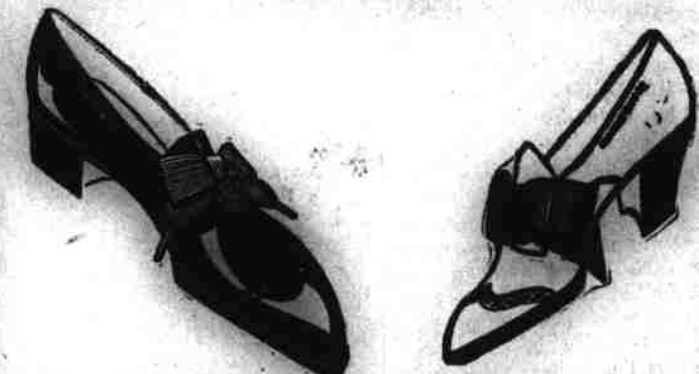
Referring to the drainage convention which met here Tuesday, Mr. Wade H. Harris, has the following to say in his paper, the Charlotte Chronicle:

The drainage of the streams is next in importance for the farmers of this section of the State to the building of good roads. It will always stand to the credit of Catawba county that it took the lead in this important reclamation work, as it stands to the credit of Cabarrus that it took the lead in the no-fence law, now almost universal over the State. Catawba county, having, at its own expense, demonstrated the value of the dredge boat, Lincoln and Cleveland counties have followed suit and we have no doubt that as a result of tomorrow's meeting in Concord, Cabarrus and Mecklenburg will fall into line. Skirting Concord on the west, Buffalo creek for three or four miles is one long morass of swamp, bull rushes and willows. We can remember the time when all this abandoned land was in a high state of cultivation and producing the best crops of corn grown in Cabarrus. Three months' work of the dredge boat would restore it to its original fertility and productiveness and reduce the malarial status of the town of Concord 75 per cent. Similar results would be obtained by the drainage of the two creeks that flank Charlotte—one on the west and one on the east. The Chronicle is glad to note the interest being manifested by the boards of county commissioners in this important matter of the drainage of the creeks. It not only means the reclamation of thousands of acres of rich land, but what is equally desirable—a general improvement in health conditions.

The three candidates nominated by the republican convention for supreme court justices of the State are three of the applicants for the eastern Federal judgeship, whom President Taft turned down as unfit for the position.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

A deer certainly runs for dear life.

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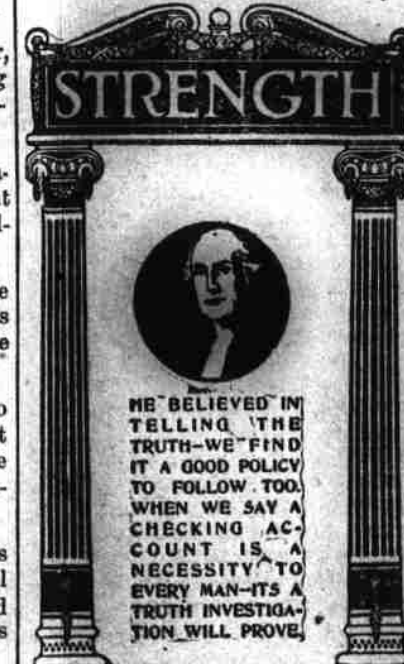
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