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35,000 DRY.

NORTH CAROLINA GIVES OLD BOOZE A KNOCK OUT BLOW.

Roxboro Goes Dry by 33 Majority. Person County Goes Wet by About 125 Majority.

Yesterday was a great day in North Carolina, the Prohibitionists have nothing to regret in the fight in the State, the majority was larger than had been expected for the past two weeks.

Now that the State has voted by a substantial majority for prohibition we hope the citizens in every County will see that the law is carried out.

The vote in Person was light about 60 per cent, of total vote cast.

Rumors That Shop at Spencer Will Be Re-opened.

Spencer, May—A rumor has gained circulation here that the Southern Railway shops in Spencer will be re-opened at an early date when a large number of employes who were laid off March 10th are expecting to be called back into the service. The report lacks official confirmation, but there is a strong probability that it is true. The management however, has succeeded in handling an immense amount of business during the period of retrenchment as shown by the large number of trains forwarded.

When you get ready to paint that roof remember I am selling a good reliable roof paint at 50 cents per gallon. Its alright too.

Geo. W. Thomas

OPEN LETTER TO MR. SIMMONS.

EX-REPRESENTATIVE MCNINCH REPLIES TO SENATOR SIMMONS.

A Charlotte Supporter of Mr. Kitchin Says it is Not Proper For Senator Simmons to Throw His Influence Into Contest Between Democrats.

Charlotte, N. C., May 23.
Senator F. M. Simmons,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I have just read your remarkable edict, proclaiming Mr. Craig our Governor-to-be, and suggesting by necessary implication that to vote against Mr. Craig is less-mafesty! Alas, after ten years of unflinching loyalty to you and your political fortunes I am now charged with the crime of treason against the king merely because I am advocating Mr. Kitchin. I emphatically plead "not guilty" to the charge. You say that those of us who may have criticized your unseemly interference in the gubernatorial contest have used that merely as a pretext for our criticism but that the real cause is that we belong to a "certain element in the State which has long desired to get a lick at you." This statement I resent, because I never have sympathized with or belonged to any political element inimical to you, but on the contrary have, as already stated, been your uncompromising friend. That I have criticized your participation in the present contest between Democrats is true, for I think your activity is unprecedented, in bad taste, and unjustifiable. The graveman of my criticism is that you now occupy the exalted station of United States Senator by the support of friends of both Mr. Horne and Mr. Kitchin as well as the friends of Mr. Craig; that by reason of the

high position we have helped elevate you to, you necessarily have greater political influence than you would have as a private individual; that having accepted our support to gain your vantage ground you now turn upon us and use it against us. Is that fair to your friends who happen also to be the friends of either Mr. Kitchin or Mr. Horne.

But you say, Senator, that you would "hold your tongue" in this contest but for the "assaults" upon you and Mr. Craig. Let us see: Were you not actively supporting Mr. Craig long before it occurred to any to criticize you? Are not the "assaults" upon you, which you say are "unparallel" the direct and natural result of your "unparallel" interference from Washington in a contest here at home between Democrats? You say early in the contest you declared for Mr. Craig did your colleague, Senator Overman, declare early or at all for either? Did ever before a Senator from North Carolina "declare" for one Democrat against another in such a contest? And before you "declared" for Mr. Craig did you not write, or cause to be written, a letter to him, or to another, encouraging him to run, and pledging your support? And did not your secretary, about a year ago, with your consent and approval, make a visit to Mecklenburg and other counties and let it be known that you were for Mr. Craig? No "assaults" had then been made on you. But you say that "surely it is my duty, having special knowledge of the facts gained as chairman, to see that a faithful party worker is not denied credit for his work." and elsewhere in your letter you exercise a commendable though tardy solicitude to reward Mr. Craig for his party services.

When did you experience such a conviction of duty to reward him? Certainly you did not advocate his nomination for Governor four years ago when the west was entitled to and got the nomination. And why, Senator, did you refuse to lend your assistance to Mr. Craig when he ran for the Senate against Hon. C. B. Watson and Hon. Lee S. Overman. All the party services of Mr. Craig to which you refer had then been rendered, and is it not strange that a sense of duty did not impel you to help reward him? And if anxious to reward Mr. Craig did it occur to you when you stood for re-election in 1907 that you should magnanimously put aside the crown and help place it upon the brow of the man you now feel such a sense of duty to reward. But you may say party precedent would have demanded that the Senator should come from the east. I answer that party precedent demands that the Governor should now come from the east.

Let me assure you that I join you in your desire to see Mr. Craig rewarded, for I fully appreciate his services and esteem him highly. But I am not willing in order to reward Mr. Craig, to reverse party precedent and also withhold reward from another Democrat, Mr. Kitchin, who has so richly deserved the high honor to which he aspires by reason of the lifelong devotion of his superior talent to the Democratic party.

F. P. MCNINCH.

Big Storm in Chatham:

Siler City, May 24.—A destructive storm of wind, hail and rain visited this section Friday afternoon, doing considerable damage to wheat, corn and cotton. J. R. Paschal, who lives two miles southwest of here, has a sixteen acre field of fine wheat totally destroyed. Nearly every farmer heard from in this section reports more or less damage. One farmer reports a number of half-grown chickens killed by the hail. It was the most terrific storm that has visited this section in several years.

THE SENATE GALLANT.

Rejects Three Nominations Which Would Supplant Women With Men.

Washington, May—The fight made by Georgia and Texas Senators against supplanting woman postmasters with male employes resulted to-day in the rejection of three nominations which had been before the Senate since last December. The nominations rejected

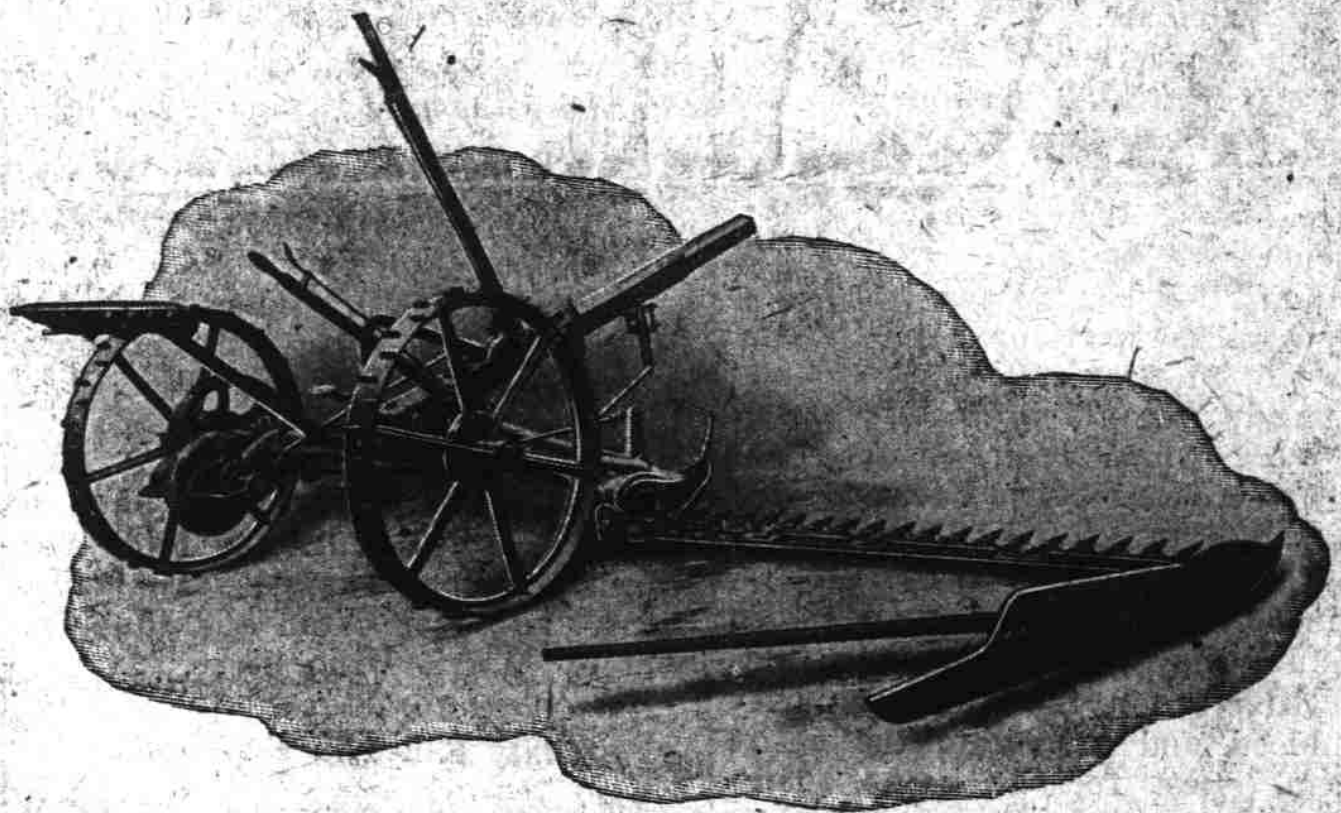
re T. W. Scott to succeed Hattie Gilmea, of Toccoa, Ga.; John C. A. McCullom, to succeed Jeannette D. McConnell at Jacksonville, Tex. Senators Clay and Culberson served notice on the Postoffice Department that they were opposed to women being ousted from their places and their opposition was so determined that no attempt to confirm the appointments was made in the Senate. Fearing that President Roosevelt would make recess appointments after the adjournment of Congress and would display the women in that way the Senators to-day insisted upon the rejection of the three appointees, and they at least are eliminated.

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These are all extra good values.

Notions and Underwear.

Our stock of these goods is in the very best of shape. We have recently received splendid values in lace striped, fine ribbed, gauze and medium weight hose at 25 cents a pair.

Light stripe, and plain lisle hose at 50 cents a pair, also good 10 and 15 cent numbers.

Ladies gauze vests, the very best to be had at 10, 15 and 25 cents each.

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