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Publisher's Announcement.

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MUCH DISSATISFACTION.

It is an open secret that there is much dissatisfaction in Halifax county at the result of the Democratic convention which was held in Halifax on August 17th. The Enfield Progress spoke out editorially last week against some methods which were employed to bring about certain results; and a communication in that paper signed "Indignant Citizens" declared great dissatisfaction at the results of the convention. And it has been said freely that citizens in many parts of the county declare they will not stand by the action of the convention. One ground of complaint is that there were pledges made before and in the primaries that were not kept and that unfair trades were made whereby the will of the people was no given in the convention. It is to be regretted that such things should transpire in Halifax county, and if any have engaged in unfair deals whereby the will of the people was thwarted they should stand ready to make reparation.

and it would be well if farmers ments, and enjoying more re- his mother, Mrs. W. A. Wilcox. would have some concerted unthe cotton pickers.

money is sent away from alyear for hay. While it is highly important to raise corn for the farm teams, it is also important to save rough feed for team and cattle.

Listen at the Charlotte News! of age, and who says, 'I don't feel like I was over 15 years old. I'd marry again if I could age.' Charlotte is the only city like exulting in this strain."

Judge Spencer B. Adams i bringing suit in Guilford county against Marion Butler and his brother, Lester F. Butler, for libel, placing damages at \$50,000. He will also sue the Caucasian, Marion Butler's paper in Raleigh, for an equal Judge Adams charges that Marion Butler alleged that he (Adams) accepted a bribe while chief justice of Chactaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court, of Indian Territory, with the further allegation that Adams rendered a decision in said court that deprived thousands of Indians of their property rights. In a lengthy interview with Judge Adams the news gatherers at Greensboro have given out some spicy expressions which he used concerning Butler. He uses such epithets about Butler as "Cowardly traitor." "White-livered traitor," "Cowardly scoundrel," "Ishmaelite Butler" and the like. But such is politics.

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THE PRESIDENT INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE.

(Editorial Communication.) No material questions are receiving more consideration from President Roosevelt than the conservation of our natural resources and the elevation of the agricultural conditions He has recently appointed a Commission of five men eminently qualified for the work in hand to make a report within a few months on the present conditions of agricultural and farm life. His purpose in the appointment of this Commission is to secure information which will enable him to make recommendations to Congress

There are many who will expect nothing of interest to the farmer to result from this movement and this may be true in the main, but whether there shall be resulting benefits traceable directly to the work of this Commission and the President's recommendations to Congress cannot yet be seen. However this may be, it is certain that this sort of investigation instituted by the President of ards, a day or two ago, accompanied the Nation will at least develop by his little son. a reflex interest on the part of their friends which shall ultimately render agricultural life more attractive.

The South is not represented in this Commission but we have no kick on that account. We are essentially an agricultural people and have already taken S. Grizzard, at Rosemary. the lead-the lead in the quantity of products but not in the Southern farmer has the soils chester, Va. Monday. and the climate as invaluable assets and during the past few years he has made rapid progress. He is improving his Cotton will soon be opening methods, using better imple-

munerative yields, but the farm derstanding about what price still has needs and the greatest worthy old colored woman, died last Holden at Raleigh, allowing them a they will pay for picking cot- of these is men. The manhood Monday, August 17, in the "slashes", choice of being shot or hung. Both ton. If such a system could be of the farm has always been aged 110 years. Deceased was one preferred to be shot. They were put into operation it would be strong and sturdy. The coun- of the old time darkies, that is fast hood-winked, all ready to be shot ity of her most useful men, Great care should be taken leaders in state, commerce, and cial communities seem to be ways. more attractive to the young men than the farms and the farmers' children are lured of this is a misconception of answer be? Is the farm life that of carrying concealed weapons second call. get anybody to take me at my lonely to the youth? It is evi- being one of the most common in dent that the community life, practice and the greatest menace to in the world where old age feels the social feature of the town and city is attractive to him. Is money-making on the farm slow? It is sure, if slow. The commercial communities hold out inducements to get rich quick-all delusive and false. The children must be taught that the farm life can be and ought to be made the happiest life on earth. The best interests of the entire Nation demand

that this be done. Three reforms are necessary to the accomplishment of this solidated rural schools and the to smoke them. public High Schools which His Honor also touched upon the shall supply the needed devel- whiskey evil, citing cases that had opment along the line of educa- towns and communities had been tion. The success of these will impeded, restricted and demoralized be worked out by the State De- because of its baleful influence. partment of Education. This this yoke of bondage they are exertin turn will enable the agricul- ing a powerful influence for good. tural population to work out for themselves the economic of the law in that respect, thus aland social reforms that are de- leviating such conditions as we have manded. These must be worked out by the farmers themsel- to do a large amount of good. ves. They are going to do it and do it well for they have already realized that the farm In all towns where a newspaper is life must be made more compublished every man should adver- fortable and happy. It must F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. tise in it, if nothing more than a card offer greater opportunities and We, the undersigned, have known stating his name and business he is attractions. The individual F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and engaged in. It nearly always pays cannot accomplish this alone, believe him perfectly honorable in all the advertiser and besides lets the the advertiser and besides lets the but it is coming from economic firm.—Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. and social co-operation of whole Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. communities.

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Mr. Geo. Stephenson, Jr., who or two here last week.

Messis, F. F. Tweet, of Peters burg, and I. B. Penlstein, of Nor-

folk, were here last week. Mr. George Cooper, of Petersburg, spent several days with his sister, to sell. They were caught. Appli-

Mrs. C. H. Hale, last week. spent a day or two last week with

her father, Mr. T. F. McGuire. Mrs. Ausby and Miss Rebe are spending some days with Mr. and Mrs. George Cole, at Shelmerdine.

turning home Sunday.

places this summer, is now visiting Johnson's Island, where he was sent

with his people. Mr. George Young, with the West-

tleton.

methods of cultivation. The lich, returned to her home in Man- sent up to the throne of God this

A. C. L. at Rocky Mount, spent a crowd become very anxious for the day or so with his family last week. 25 minutes to end. They knew he

public safety. He dwelt at some length on what is termed our natural and civic liberty and defined them separately and distinctly, claiming that by right of the State's authority, no individual has any right to appropriate a liberty to himself that would endanger the public welfare.
"Fifty years ago," said he, "men
would have resented such interference with personal privileges and rights, but now they have seen by its favorable results the advisability of having such a law, and they who love their State loyally abide by it.'

He touched on the cigarette habit stamping it as an absolute evil, tending to upset morals, undermine health, impair the intellect, and cheating the community and State end, namely: educational, eco- of men who would perhaps be capacnomic and social. The educa- itated to do it honor. The State has tional factors in North Caroli- law prohibiting the giving or selling na have already set in motion of cigarettes to minors and said in educational reforms in the con- time, perhaps, there would be a law

come under his observation, where Now, he said, since throwing off He begged that we, as loyal citizens, lend our support to the inforcement

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THE COMMONWEALTH, and is vouched for as a true incident as it occurworks in Rocky Mount, spent a day red in Halifax, N. C., at the close of the Civil War in 1885:

would give Capt. W. P. Oldham, of Mrs. Leona Suggs, of Tarboro, Wilmington, N. C., full permission spent several days with her daugh- to punish the cotton thieves just as ter, Mrs. I. G. Shaw, last week re- he wished. It met the approval of all, both white and black. It was a Mrs. Leonora Howerton who has glorious opportunity for Oldnam. been visiting Pittsburg and other He had just been released from the Misses Withe and Helen Daniel. when taken prisoner at the fall of Mr. Jno. G. Daniel left for New Petersburg. He was in Washington, York City last Friday morning after D. C. the night President Lincoln spending his three weeks vacation was assasinated, then on his way to prison. He was proud of his appointment as Judge by the Mayor of ern Union, of Petersburg, was here Halifax. He proceeded to establish to see his mother, Mrs. Sam Rich- a court. Faucett's store was selected. Tom Emery, perhaps, was the Sheriff and Jno. Gregory was Clerk Mrs. L. G. Grady left last Friday of the Court, both good and true ofthe farmers themselves and morning for Duplin county, her old ficers, ready to do what the Judge home, to remain some time with her ordered. The two negroes were brought in court for trial. The Mr. Thos. F. McGuire, head sales- Judge made the trial short. The man for the Halifax Mercantile Co., evidence was good, guilt was conspent Sunday with his family at Lit- clusive. He ordered them to be hung then and there, but allowed Master Moore Jenkins spent Sun- 25 minutes for them to pray or to

day with his grandmother, Mrs. V. give a full account of all the meanness they had done. The old negro Miss Margaret Froelich, the acom- in tears prepared to pray. If there plished daughter of Mr. Fred Froe- ever was an earnest, fervent prayer was one. The old negro had so much Mr. Geo. N. Stephenson, with the to call on the Lord for pardon the

well both for the farmers and try homes have contributed to becoming extinct. She was quite when a second alarm was given that the Nation a very large major- an old woman during the war with Gov. Holden had allowed each to the North and South and could re- give the other thirty-nine lashes on gale you for hours with its incidents their bare back. They were stripped and horrors. The old lady was blind to the belt, each given a six foot by farmers in saving forage industries, but the agricultural for seven years before her death, hickory switch with orders that no for their stock. Too much conditions need to be so elevat- but retained her facultys remarkab- lick would be counted that failed ed as to attract this manhood ly well 'till the last. She loved her to bring blood. It was the most most every community every to the country life. Under "white folks" and was never happier satisfactory execution of law that present conditions the commer- than when serving them in various has taken place before or since in that county. The negroes were per-Halifax Superior Court convened feetly satisfied, although as bloody here Monday with Judge Chas. M. as hogs. The farmer got his two Cooke, of Louisburg, N. C., on the bales of cotton back. The Judge bench. His charge to the grand was given a carte blanche to do as away from the fields. Much jury was strong and forceful, and he pleased while in Halifax. The practically covered all the ground Judge was never treated better in

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Mr. W. D. Faucett, civil engineer could not remember to remind the for the S. A. C. with headquarters Lord of all he had done. So the at Portsmouth, spent Sunday with Judge called time on him. Inform-

ed him he had just received an under Aunt Harriet Johnson, a very ground dispatch from Gov. W. W.

It says: "Charlotte is the home the inducements offered by the necessary. He reviewed and em- all his life. It was better than commercial communities. Sup- phasized the laws enacted by the JOHNSON'S ISLAND. He was pose we inquire what these in. State, covering those cases now so- sorry he was sent to another county. ducements are, what would the numerous in our criminal courts, Has never had the opportunity of a

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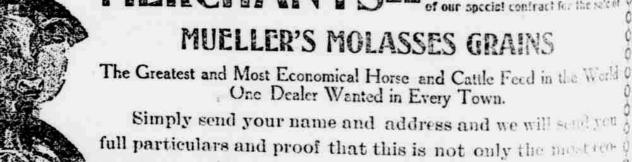
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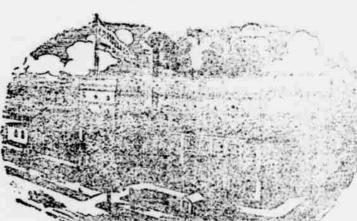
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