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Publisher's Announcement.

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NOW TALK GOOD TIMES.

The Greenville Reflector gives some timely suggestions as follows: "The cry of panic that began about a year ago and kept up for several months was contagious. Everybody who heard the cry took it up and there was panic sure enough, apparently worse than it even was. Now there is talk of good times again. We hear it and we read of it in the papers. Let this be contagious also. Take up the talk and rub off your long face and you will help to make times better. Put aside the complaining and get up and hustle for your share of what is coming."

WELDON'S WELCOME.

Our neighbor, the good town of Weldon, gives a generous welcome to the people of the county to attend the unveiling of the monument to the Confederate soldiers and sailors of Northampton and Halifax counties September 17th.

Every effort possible will be made by the people of Weldon to make the day one of pleasure and profit to all who attend the exercises; and doubtless many people of Northampton and Halifax and other counties will attend.

It will be a great day for Weldon and the good people there will make it pleasant for all who go.

THE COUNTY FINANCES.

It was given out at Halifax Monday that Halifax county is practically out of debt. The money is in hand to pay the last of the outstanding bonds when they fall due. It will be noted that the tax receipts this year will have no item of bond tax, which shows that the bonds will have been paid without taking any part of the taxes to be collected this year.

It will be gratifying to the people of the county to learn this and all will appreciate the statement made by the county commissioners Monday that the financial condition of the county is better than it has been in years.

To Stamp Out Consumption.

(Richmond News Leader.)

The program of the International Conference on Tuberculosis, which will be in this city this month, was made public to-day by Dr. Lawrence F. Flick, head of the Phipps Institute for poor consumptives and chairman of the conference. The International Congress on Tuberculosis, which will be held in Washington this month, will be under the direction of Dr. Flick. The conference, Dr. Flick explained, is an organization made up of representatives of national associations for the study of tuberculosis from all parts of the world. "Each year since its inception," said Dr. Flick, "the members of the conference have had a story to tell of great strides made towards the eventual conquering of consumption and the conference this year will be remarkable for the telling of a progress twice as great as has been made in any year before."

"In Philadelphia alone a reduction of 300 has been made in the death rate of the last six months from the same six months in the year before. The total number of deaths resulting from consumption last year in the city was 3,600, and if the same rate of progress is kept up for six years to come consumption will be abolished."

Asked if, in his opinion, this result would ever be brought about, Dr. Flick said: "I am sure that in fifteen years or less tuberculosis will be wiped out. All that is needed is wider knowledge how to prevent its spread. If we could teach every one the simple methods of preventing contagion we could immediately stop all further progress of the disease and in a few years it would be gone."

Brilliant Marriage.

(Williamston Enterprise.)

The first marriage of autumn solemnized in Williamston was that of Mr. James Grist Stator and Mrs. Fannie Chase Biggs on September 2nd, at the Church of the Advent.

Ferns, smilax and cut flowers arranged with simple but graceful effect beautified the interior of the church. Asters and ribbons carried out the color scheme of lavender and white, an immense bell of white chrysanthemums and carnations symbolizing the joyousness of the occasion.

Promptly at 8:00 a. m., the ushers, W. T. Meadows and K. B. Crawford, untied the ribbons and the bridal party entered amid the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss Nannie Smith. The bride, wearing a going-away gown of prune cloth with hat to match, came up the aisle with her brother, Mr. Raleigh D. Carter, who gave her away. The groom with Mr. Alonzo Hassell, entered from the vestry room and joined the bride at the altar.

The marriage vows were given by Robert Strange, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, assisted by Rev. William J. Gordon. After retiring from the church the wedded pair signed the church register, using a gold mounted fountain pen the gift of Captain T. W. Tilghman, of Wilson.

Mrs. Stator is the daughter of the late Captain William Tell Chase, of Lancaster county, Va., and the sister of Lieutenant Gilbert Chase, of the United States Navy. Her attractive personality has won a host of friends in the Old North State, and her broad charity renders her a helpful worker in all that tends to the moral and material up-lifting of the town and community.

The groom is one of the most prominent young men in Martin county. Of splendid North Carolina stock, he combines business sagacity with a genial presence, and is a large factor in the business world, being directly interested in every important enterprise in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Stator left for a Northern tour via the A. C. L. They will be at home after October 1st at Kelvin Grove, their handsome country residence near Williamston.

A large array of handsome and appropriate presents from friends and relatives marks the esteem in which they are held, and congratulations were numerous.

Farm Buildings.

(Forest Henry.)

Every day as we meet farmers and talk with them or go to the farm homes and see the gross mistakes they have made in putting up their farm buildings, we say to ourselves, what a pity that they had not first more fully considered the subject and found out what they needed and how to build to meet these requirements so as to economize both money in building and time in caring for stock after the buildings were once provided.

We have seen good barns set in the center of a barnyard where one will have to open a gate every time he goes to the barn and perhaps wade through the mud that is made by the tracking up of the stock. Each time he goes out or in to the barn with a team that gate has got to be opened, when by having at least the side where the work horses enter face to the side of the yard, no gates or yard will have to be entered.

In some instances we see pig pens and corn cribs standing in the center of a yard and every time a pair of swill is carried to the pigs it has to go through a doorway, through a hole in a wall, or through a hole in the roof of it is wasted before it gets into the pig's trough.

Portis Gold Mine Sold.

(Special from Henderson.)

The celebrated Portis gold mine property, containing 933 acres, near Ransom's Bridge, at which point the counties of Nash, Franklin, Warren and Halifax intersect, has been sold by Mrs. Lelia A. Sturges to Mr. A. J. Overton, of Salisbury, the consideration being \$150,000. Indications are that new machinery will be installed and the mine will be operated on a large scale.

Somewhere in the twenties Mr. Thomas Portis, then a man of small means, owned the property, on which gold was discovered, and a mine located, which was crudely but profitably worked. This enabled him to purchase lands adjoining the original property, until hundreds of acres were added.

This valuable property yielded to its various owners thousands of dollars. It is said while Mrs. Portis was seated at the loom weaving, she espied a glittering substance in a daub of clay used in those days for filling the chinks between the logs of buildings. On examination she was so convinced it was the precious metal she sprang from the loom, declaring she would never throw another shuttle.

Fewer Forests, Greater Floods.

(Norfolk Landmark.)

National and State Foresters, and all others interested in the effort to save the natural resources of the country from destruction by ruthless commercialists, are making timely use of the recent floods in North and South Carolina and Georgia to point a moral and adorn a tale.

The fact is that such inundations as these, costing many lives and wrecking a vast amount of property, are occurring with less and less provocation from the skies, because the checks and safeguards which nature provided are being removed with heading and brainless haste. When a land has an abundance of trees, a great deal of rainfall is caught by them and gradually distributed through the soil, to the immense benefit of the latter as well as of the tree themselves. Where there are few trees, there is less rainfall, yet such as there is apt to work havoc when it does come.

One of the wonders of the age is the indifference with which an intelligent people has permitted a few hardened politicians to throttle forest-service legislation which is in the interest of the Eastern and Southern States. The West, which has its reserves, needs them really less than the East, which has none.

Well, the more forest devastation we have, the more flood devastation we shall have also. It is the law of nature.

Vegetables as Medicines.

(Southern Agriculturist.)

The farmer's vegetable garden is the medicine cabinet of the world, and by a thorough and well-balanced diet of these there is no reason for one's health becoming impaired. Carrots are excellent for gout. Cranberries correct the liver. Asparagus stimulates the kidneys. Watercress is an excellent blood purifier. Honey is a good substitute for cod liver oil. Parsnips possess the same virtue of sarsaparilla. Celery contains sulphur and helps to ward off rheumatism, and is at the same time a nerve tonic. Bananas are beneficial to sufferers from chest complaints. Onions are good for the nerves. Beet-root is fattening and good for people who want to put on flesh. Tomatoes are good for a torpid liver, but should be avoided by gouty people. Lettuce has a soothing effect on the nerves and is excellent for sufferers from insomnia. Spinach has great aperient qualities and is far better than medicine for sufferers from constipation. The juice of lemon is excellent for sore throat, but should not be swallowed but used as a gargle.

Greenville's First Bale.

(Greenville Reflector, Sept. 5th.)

The first bale of new cotton to come to Greenville this season was brought in Friday by Bryant Daniel, a colored tenant on the farm of Mrs. Nana Brown. Most of the cotton was picked Friday, and it was ginned and brought to town the same day. Owing to the high water in the river Bryant had to have his bale of cotton brought across the water in a canoe. The bale of cotton weighed 449 pounds and was said to be better grade than was expected after having taken the recent rains and storm. It was purchased at 10 cents per pound by Mr. W. H. Kilpatrick, the wide-awake and hustling agent for Alexander Sprunt & Co.

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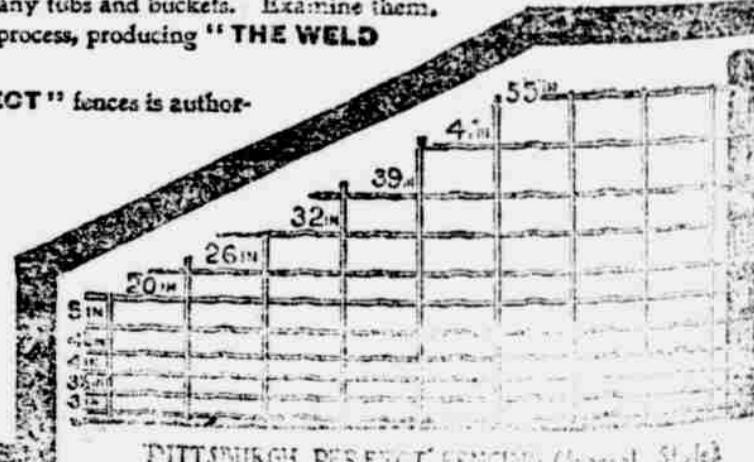
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