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Publisher's Announcement.

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TAFTS BRAND.

Quite a great deal has been said about the religious belief of President Taft. It seems to be hard to determine which is his "favorite brand."

ANY ANSWER YET?

Anything more about the opera house? We've got plenty of room—we've got plenty of people—the people have the money. Have we got the determination and the public spirit? Let's hear from some brother.

WILL TAKE NOTICE.

Postmaster Edward M. Morgan, of New York, was shot and probably fatally wounded last week by a disappointed office seeker.

Republican distributors of "Federal pie" in this State will please take notice.

A GREATER IDOL THAN EVER.

Bryan was defeated for presidency but he won the admiration of his opponent for the remarkable campaign he made and he won the confidence of many of his own party who had been estranged. He is today a greater idol of Democracy than ever before.

"ROPE NECKTIE ARTISTS."

It is now talked in Tennessee that if the Coopers are convicted of the murder of Senator Carmack that Gov. Patterson will pardon them. In such event the work of the "rope necktie" artists would be most commendable. They should find at least three good objects.

BEAUTIFY THE CITY.

Scotland Neck is naturally one of the prettiest towns in North Carolina. When one is out on the road, often the gratifying remark is heard, "Scotland Neck is a pretty little town and one of the best in the State." Let's keep up our "rep" and go out to make it the prettiest and the best.

It can be done if the citizens and business men of Scotland Neck want to do it. It depends upon you. Don't wait to see what the "other fellow" is doing but do something yourself and the "other fellow" will find it out and do something too. Be a leader, not a follower—be an optimist, not a pessimist.

Now let's "all together" with a good stiff pull, a long hard pull and a "pull all together" for Scotland Neck.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BRYAN.

The Charlotte Observer in summing up the case of Mr. Bryan in defeat, ends with this touching tribute:

"But he made a magnificent fight. He spoke splendidly—with fine ability, with imperturbable good temper, and under such physical strain as no other man could have endured. From East to West he traveled in whirlwind fashion, making speech after speech daily, his physical energy unabated, his superb nerve unshaken. He went down but went with his face to the foe and his flag flying. So then:

"The harder you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce. Be proud of your blackened eye! It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;

It's how did you fight—and why? And though you be done to the death, what then?

If you battled the best you could, if you played your part in the world of men,

Why, the critic will call it good. Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,

And whether he's slow or spry, It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts.

But only how did you die?"

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The Governor has issued his proclamation for the observance of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday next, November 26th. All the departments of State will be closed and the day observed. All of our people have great cause for which to be thankful and the day should be one of general thanksgiving and prayer to God for His great mercies and blessings to us.

BOYS!

Do you read? If not why not? If you do read then an important question is what do you read?

Throw away the trashy novel, the common detective story, the sensational rantings.

Engage in profitable study of thoughts of great men, good men, clean men, strong men. Read a reputable daily or magazine. Study men and policies. Learn to think.

Halifax Happenings.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

Halifax, N. C., Nov., 7, 1908. The Misses Annie Fenner and Nettie Gilliam, who teach at Roanoke Rapids spent Friday and Saturday here.

Messrs. Joe Butts, Jr., of Rosemary, N. C., and Mr. T. H. House, of Hobgood, spent Sunday here.

Mr. Ferral McMahon, of Norfolk, spent Friday and Saturday here with his brother, Mr. Joe McMahon.

Col. Frank Faison spent a few days in Raleigh last week coming back Sunday.

Miss Leonora Howerton came home Tuesday from Rocky Mount. She has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. D. Blount.

The Misses Amelia and Margaret Bamburger, of Norfolk, left for their home Saturday after spending several days with friends.

Messrs. Will Fenner, T. S. McDearman and Prof. Boyle, of Rocky Mount, spent Saturday here. All went deer hunting, but nothing doing.

On last Friday the town was full of young lady teachers from all parts of the county. It has been long since we saw so much beauty aggregated together.

Miss Belle E. Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Nash, was married at Monumental M. E. church at Portsmouth, Va., at six o'clock Wednesday evening, November 11th, to Mr. William D. Faucette, formerly of Halifax, N. C., but now an assistant engineer in the office of the chief engineer of the S. A. L. Railway, located at Portsmouth.

The church was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums, ferns and palms. The ushers were Dr. H. F. Parish, Mr. Leaven Plummer and Mr. E. W. Smith, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. H. N. McCrary, of Tampa, Fla.; Mr. R. M. Coburn, of Raleigh, N. C., and Mr. E. C. Bagwell, of Arcadia, Fla.

The groom's best man was Mr. W. L. Seddon, chief engineer S. A. L. The maid of honor was Miss Elsie Nash, sister of the bride, who was crowned in white mousseline and carried American Beauty roses.

The bride entered with her father. She was becomingly attired in dark blue broad-cloth, and her flowers were bride's roses.

At the chancel she was met by the groom and his best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. H. Spooner, pastor of the church.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Faucette left immediately by the Old Dominion for New York, Canada and other points. Both are popular young people, and the bride was the recipient of hundreds of lovely wedding gifts. Among the many presents was a chest of silver and a handsome silver service. The groom is well known here and greatly esteemed.

Baraca Day.

(Greenville Reflector.)

The Baraca class of Memorial Baptist Sunday school observed Sunday as Baraca day with an interesting service in the church at 11 o'clock, led by Mr. J. B. Little, teacher of the class. Prof. C. W. Wilson, of Scotland Neck, delivered an address that was much enjoyed. He spoke with interest of the origin and growth of the Baraca work and the good it was doing in helping young men. He also referred to the next national Baraca convention to be held in Asheville in June, 1909, and expressed the hope that Eastern North Carolina be well represented there. The Baraca movement is undenominational, but is young men working for young men to help them and lead them to Christ.

Notice.

The ladies of the Conocnara Baptist church will give a supper at Crowles November 26th, for the benefit of the church. Public is invited.

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COUNTY TEACHERS MEET.

Organize Woman's Betterment Association and County Teachers Association. Many Present and Much Enthusiasm Manifested.

Friday was a great day for education in Halifax county. At the instance of the district vice-president of the Woman's Betterment Association, Miss Addie Smith, of Scotland Neck, the county superintendent of schools, Dr. H. S. Harrison, called all the teachers of the county together to a meeting at Halifax for the purpose of organizing a County Teachers Association and a Woman's Betterment Association. Nearly every teacher in the county responded to the call and at eleven o'clock in the court house there had assembled a company of as good looking and intelligent young ladies as can be gotten together anywhere in the State of North Carolina. There were more than fifty teachers present and quite a number of men and women who come out because of their interest in the school work. Dr. Harrison, the most efficient and capable county superintendent, called the meeting to order and gave all a hearty welcome. He complimented the teachers upon the excellence of their work and said he had long wanted to organize an association, but had hesitated for the reason that the county was so large and so many difficulties were in the way. He spoke of the sacrifices that the teachers are making in the cause and advancement of education and paid deserving tribute to the noble body of young women who have the educational, and therefore the material prosperity, and advancement of our people in their hands. He stated that through the aid of the Betterment Association they would learn how to secure the co-operation of their respective committees, how to get rid of the dingy, dirty and un-equipped school houses and succeed in their effort to uplift the community.

MRS. W. R. HOLLOWELL.

He said that he was glad to have with them Mrs. W. R. Hollowell, the president and leader of the Woman's Betterment Association of the State, and Mrs. Hollowell then addressed the meeting.

She is an accomplished and attractive speaker and her address was listened to with marked interest and intelligence by the ladies of the Association.

Some apology had been made for the dirty condition of the court house, and Mrs. Hollowell referring to this said: "This court house is no worse than most of them, but this is bad enough the Lord knows." She then addressed herself to the organization of the Association. She stated that the movement was born at the State Normal School at the instance of the late and much beloved Dr. McIver. She speak of the great work the organizations had accomplished, and recited incidents that brought vivid illustration of her points. She stated that the greatest influences on their lives were made when they were children. She asked how many men teachers were in the rural schools of this county. Only one, was the response. Then it is the women that hold the destiny of Halifax county in their hands, said she, because children get their inspiration from their teachers. She made a strong plea for the enlistment of the interest and co-operation of the people in the community whose children compose the schools. "You must also get the children interested," said she, and make them love you and want to come to school. Teach them the importance of it—tell them it is a gift from the State

to them and they must make the most of it."

She impressed the importance of improving the building, grounds, etc., and especially to keep things neat and clean and to instill this principle deep into the children's minds.

Her address was greatly enjoyed by the teachers as well as being most instructive. The teachers were inspired to greater and nobler efforts and the meeting will bring forth great good.

ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED.

At this juncture the organization of the Association was gone into. A committee of three, composed of Prof. C. W. Wilson, Miss Minnie Dunn and Miss Theresa Dickens were appointed to recommend the officers for the Association. They reported the following who were unanimously elected: President, Miss Mary Wells; vice-president, Miss Ida Wilkins; secretary and treasurer, Miss Bessie Hancock. The following were named as an executive committee: The officers, Mrs. C. F. White, Mrs. T. W. Fenner, Miss Minnie Dunn, Miss Nettie Gilliam.

The following were enrolled as members: Misses Bessie E. Cherry, Francis Parker, Lela Knight, Mrs. Evie Peele, Francis S. Joyner, Susie Whitaker, Mary L. Willis, Bessie Hancock, Lizzie C. Smith, Anna B. Clark, Lena Leggett, Pattie M. Williams, Mrs. W. H. Albright, Myrtle Gardner, Nannie G. Gay, Pattie D. Thorne, Mary Long Daniels, Josephine Crawley, Burke Thompson, Willie Lambertson, Theresa Dickens, Mamie E. Pittman, Nanie Stephens, Bessie Eure, Maude Arrington, Annie P. Harris, Annie E. Lawrence, Margaret B. Quinby, Mary D. House, Dorothy E. Pike, Annie S. Fenner, Mrs. A. E. Akers, Nettie M. Gilliam, Susie Shaw, Mrs. C. F. White, Ruth M. Davenport, Susie E. Pope, Jennie Sewell, Virginia Hale, Sallie Hyman, Ella J. Johnson, Carrie W. Johnson, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, Annie E. Dunn, Minnie K. Dunn, Blanche Hardee, Emma Pittman, Messrs. R. N. Latham, and M. S. Phillips.

While the committees were deliberating, supt. Wilson of the Scotland Neck Graded School, supt. Latham of the Weldon Graded School, supt. Akers of the Roanoke Rapids Graded School, and supt. Albright of the Aurelian Springs Graded School, were called upon and made appropriate remarks.

Miss Smith, the district secretary, also spoke. Prof. Wilson of the Scotland Neck Graded School, was given much credit as one of the prime agitators of the movement.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

In the afternoon a County Teachers Association was organized and the following officers were elected: President, R. H. Latham; vice-president, W. H. Albright, secretary and treasurer, Miss Minnie Dunn.

It was decided to hold the first meeting of the Association at Weldon, the time to be set by the committee.

The results of Friday's meeting will be felt all over this county in a more general awakening of the people to the importance of education and the proper training of their children.

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