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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents and the publication of communications does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication.

THE PAYNE TARIFF BILL.

On Thursday, March 18, the tariff bill presented by Mr. Payne, of New York and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, was reported back without amendment, and on Tuesday, March 23rd, the discussion of the bill was begun by its author, and continued throughout the day.

As concerns lumber, undressed lumber has been reduced from \$1.00 a thousand feet to 59 cents. Dressed lumber, ranging on the old list from \$1.00 a thousand feet to \$3.50, ranges in the new list from 50 cents to \$2.50.

PATRIOTISM AND LOYALTY.

Patriotism is the love of one's Country and the devotion to its welfare and interests. It directly involves one's loyalty to his Country's dead heroes as well as faithful allegiance to her illustrious living.

Without patriotism and loyalty to country is what it should be, and cannot remain long what it is, hence the necessity for both. To inculcate patriotism into the hearts and lives of those around us, we must be patriotic, with that patriotism that shows itself in outward expressions.

Early day animals coming back to Kansas. Indian uprising in Oklahoma. Roosevelt in Africa. Cause and effect.

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HONEST ADMINISTRATION.

"Honesty is the best policy," and in the affairs of government, as in all other affairs, is the one and only policy to pursue, and if there is one way that is better than all other ways in which to assure honest administration in government, it is by keeping the lights turned on the open pages of the government's books, be that government national, state, county or municipal.

It is pleasing to know that Raleigh is waking up to its danger, and placing in office men who are honest, men who are capable, who have the interest of that city at heart. National, State, county, town, and all other officers of whatever nature are representatives of the people, and the people have a right to know what the officers do, how much money they have, how much money they spend, and in what way they spend it.

Wherever people realize that conditions in government are such as to be a cloak for dishonesty, and that dishonesty in government leads to extravagance and corruption, they should rise up in their rights and demand that conditions be changed. Government has been instituted by the people for the people, and if honesty in government is economy in government, as it undoubtedly is, the people should put those men in office who are honest, who will assure an economic administration.

The papers and the people in Raleigh seem to be in dead earnest in their efforts for better city government. They are attacking all suspicious objects with gloves off, and with the vim and determination that accomplishes results. Good for the papers, good for the people. We hope it will all redound to Raleigh's good.

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Corn! Corn! Corn!

Don't forget to plant a big corn crop this year. I believe it will pay you and be a good thing for the country. Try some well known kinds this year on rich land and make almost enough on one stalk to feed a horse with one team.

Mrs. J. W. Whitehead.

Another mother in Israel is gone. The spirit of Mrs. Louvenia Whitehead has passed over to await loved ones on the other shore. She was the wife of Mr. J. W. Whitehead, and the mother of Messrs. A. L., J. D. and J. F. Whitehead, of Enfield, and W. T. Whitehead, of Weldon, also one daughter, Mrs. S. L. Locke.

She was about eighty years old, and a member of the Primitive Baptist church, having joined at Deep Creek thirty or more years ago. Since then she has been a faithful member, attending its meetings as long as she was able to go.

May God bless him and all the sad ones in this dark hour, and point them to Him whom she loved and followed. "On earth the broken circles, In heaven the perfect round." She had lived out the days allotted to her in spite of the fact she had been a great sufferer for several years, and still it was hard to give her up.

J. E. HOLDEN.

Christian Endeavor Union to Meet.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union will be held this year in the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, April 23-25. Every Christian Endeavor Society in North Carolina is urged to send as large a delegation of members as possible.

MAMIE BAYS, Supt. Press Dept.

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Justices of the Peace for Halifax County.

The following are the justices of the peace for Halifax county appointed by the General Assembly:

- Brinkleyville Township—W. H. Hays, H. B. Quarrels, G. S. Sledge, J. C. Cushwa. Enfield—J. Wilson Pittman, T. S. Pettitt (4 years), J. S. Barnes (4 years), F. L. Pitts, S. Meyer, John Beavars, R. A. Britt, (4 years each) S. G. Whitfield, J. J. Robertson, Bal-fur Dunn. Weldon—J. E. Branch, E. L. Green (4 years each). Scotland Neck—J. H. Smith. Rosenath—Moses Strickland, Cullen Allsbrook. Butterwood—C. U. Hamill, J. R. Liles, W. E. Nicholson. Halifax—R. W. Carter, M. H. Clark, S. A. Mullen (2 years). Littleton—W. J. Morris.

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Sale of Realty.

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a decree of the Superior Court of Halifax County in a Special proceedings entitled B. F. Shelton vs. Tallan Sherrod and others, I will on Monday, May 3rd, 1908, at the Court House Door in Halifax, N. C., expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands to-wit:

A certain tract of land, situated near Hobgood, in said county, adjoining B. F. Shelton, W. T. Jones, R. H. Gatlin and others, and containing 80 acres, more or less; and being the identical land conveyed to Tallan Sherrod by Celia E. Hymar by deed recorded in Book 136 a page 282 of the Halifax Registry, which deed reference is made for particular description. And being also described in following deeds: Patience Sherrod to B. F. Shelton, Book 192, page 477, and Mack Andrews and wife, Lula Andrews to B. F. Shelton, Book 192, page 479, of the said Registry.

The said land is to be sold subject to the dower right of Patience Sherrod, which dower right has been conveyed to B. F. Sherrod. This March 22nd, 1908. W. O. HOWARD, Commissioner.

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