

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Let our farmers make food crops the chief thing and there will be a better day for all of us.

The State loses one of her best citizens in the death of ex-Judge Thomas B. Womack, of Raleigh.

The Durham Herald rises to remark that the less Congress does the less we will have to grumble about.

What kind of a town would this town be if everybody was just like me?—Raleigh Evening Times.

Let us apply the sentiment of the above paragraph to our town and see how it fits.

The Durham Herald speaks a truth when it says:—

"Of course all farmers cannot raise two or three hundred bushels of corn to the acre, but if one farmer can do this the average farmer should be able to raise more than twelve or fifteen."

Dr. Lucius P. McGhee has been elected to succeed the late Judge James C. McRae as dean of the University of North Carolina Law School. Dr. McGhee is a native of this State, but has been living in New York City the past two years. He is about 40 years old and his friends say he is well equipped for the duties that will devolve on him as the head of the University law department.

The editor of Harper's Weekly predicts democratic days and says to the democrats "get wise—and get busy." The leading editorial in the February number of this magazine says:—

"The Republican party is busted. It hasn't a majority in the House and probably not in the Senate. It cannot enact the Taft measures. Its fighting elements are irreconcilable. Both want to see the democrats carry the next House and elect a lot of Governors. Each proposes to really nominate its own candidate for President. This is official."

The following article from the Arcanum, Ohio Times, is passed down the line:—

"It is little use for the local editor to waste his lungs and sprain his spine in trying to boom his town when citizens all stand around with their hands in their pockets and wait indifferently for something to turn up. So it is of little use for any one to continually pick flaws from their home paper. Any editor of a country newspaper who can please all his readers is deserving of the best seat in the Heavenly Kingdom."

The mayor of Raleigh acting upon reports from where the theatrical show "The Girl from Rector's" had appeared, said the company should not appear in Raleigh Wednesday night, 16th inst., and they did not. We admire his pluck and grit in holding out for what he believed to be for the best interest of his people. It takes a man to stand up against this class of wickedness—to say no and then back it up with the whole police force.

Chairman A. H. Eller gives out the information that the State democratic executive committee will meet early in March to fix the date and place for holding the next State Convention. Greensboro and Charlotte are candidates for the honor of entertaining the democrats. When the convention is called we may expect to hear a little politics then. This is the year for all Counties, Judicial and Congressional officers to be elected, and to fill unexpired terms on the State Supreme Court bench. May we have peace and not strife.

It is very evident to any fair minded man that the present high cost of living is caused very largely by the high protective tariff given the country by the republican Congress and endorsed by President Taft. We are ever anxious to see the farmers get good prices for their produce, but when this produce goes into the hands of the tariff made trusts and is sold back to the people at an extra high price, it is then time to call a halt. The republican party is responsible for the present condition of affairs and the people are not going to be fooled by any investigations the party may hold to try and place the cause some where else. Lower the tariff and you will see a change mighty quick.

What time will the clock stop?

We want no better evidence that Congress is not keeping party pledges, than to quote what President Taft said to some of the Senate leaders, in conference at the White House one day last week. Mr. Taft is reported as saying:—

"Why don't you push measures to redeem party pledges while the House is dealing with appropriation bills? You are moving too slowly."

A Beautiful Home Wedding.

Tuesday the fifteenth smiled out in a perfect glee of rippling sunshine. A pleasant air of expectancy pervaded the town of Roanoke Rapids and every body was looking forward to the coming marriage of two of the most popular young people in town, Miss Nannie Taylor and Mr. W. G. Hockaday. The home of Mrs. Ella Taylor was beautifully decorated in holly and ferns, and before the appointed hour many relatives and friends of the contracting parties gathered together to witness the marriage of their devoted friends. Before the ceremony Miss Nellie Price with her sweet voice sang "All for you." At eight o'clock the bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March rendered by Miss Irene Anderson. First came Mr. Wreford M. Hockaday, brother of the groom, and Miss Ruth Taylor, next came Mr. Will Taylor, brother of the bride, and Miss Nancy Carroway, then came the bride and groom. They were met by the pastor of the M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Piland, who with a few solemn and impressive words made them man and wife. After many hearty congratulations the guests were invited to the dining room where an elegant reception was served. Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mrs. C. L. Ailsbrook and Mrs. D. R. Allen, of Rich Square, sister of the groom, waited on the table and served refreshments. The following day the bridal party were driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hockaday, father and mother of the groom, where they were tendered another reception.

The groom is well known in North Carolina and elsewhere. He holds a position with the new Patterson mill that is being erected at Roanoke Rapids. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Ella Taylor. She is a charming and very popular young lady and is noted for her musical talent both vocal and instrumental. The bride and groom prove their popularity by the many and costly presents. They will make their home in Roanoke Rapids.

We wish for them much happiness and a long life. M. B. A.

Carolina News.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 21. The track squad has gradually increased in number until there are about fifty candidates. Every afternoon these men take a cross-country run under Captain Williams. Coach and trainer, Nat. J. Cartmell, will report March 1st, and systematic training will begin. With Coach Cartmell, the fastest runner in the world, and Captain Williams, one of the best all round athletes here, it is expected that Carolina will send out a team never before equalled in the University. Despite the loss of the giant twirler, "Bun" Hearn, Coach Lawson expects to put out a winning baseball team this year. Of the old men who are back this year are Captain Stewart, O. A. Hamilton, Jim Hackney, Armstrong, Hedgepeth, Duncan, Henry Lyon, F. Duls. Others of the promising candidates are Stacy, Dughi, Buie, Weatherington, Swink, Poole, Page, Williams, F. Bivins and others.

What time will the clock stop?

In the death of Judge James E. Shepherd North Carolina is called upon to mourn the loss of a leading citizen and a distinguished lawyer and judge. He was a striking personality and one which was calculated to attract attention wherever he might be. It is no light task to follow in the foot steps of such a man. Upright, honest and just. The whole State mourns.—Durham Sun.

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What time will the clock stop?

Halifax Girl Holding a High Position.

Much has been written in the papers throughout the country about the Southern girl who has recently been appointed as social secretary to the lady of the "White House." She is credited with being a North Carolina girl, but little has been said of her native town, her girlhood, etc. We quote from the News and Observer of Feb. 17th, the following from the pen of Mr. Thos. Pence, Washington Correspondent for that paper.

"A North Carolina girl, Miss Mary D. Spires, of Halifax county, who is a clerk in the Surgeon-General's office at the War Department, has been temporarily assigned to the position of social secretary to Mrs. Taft. She will fill the position for Miss Alice Block, who leaves to get married, and will be absent from the White House for the rest of the season, if not permanently. A curious feature of the transfer is that Miss Spires will be on the rolls of the War Department 'on duty at the White House.' Miss Spires came to Washington from North Carolina ten years ago. She will receive a salary of \$1,800 annually, for her White House services, and at the same time will enjoy one of the most sought for berths for women in the government service."

The Washington Correspondent has the lady's name spelled wrong, it should be Spiers instead of Spires. As has been stated she is a Halifax county girl, and a Halifax town girl as well, for in her early girlhood she lived in this historic old town. Her father, Mr. R. P. Spiers, long since dead, then conducting a mercantile business here. This was perhaps about twenty five to thirty years ago. There are many here who remember Miss Spiers as a nice, amiable and very lovable girl, and are rejoicing at her success in life, and her good fortune in being capacitated to fill the position which she now occupies.

Halifax though is not fortunate alone, for Weldon can boast of being her home till about twelve years ago, her young womanhood being spent there. Weldon people remember her well, for her charming personality won for her everywhere she went, many staunch friends. She is a cousin to Mr. Henry C. Spiers, a very prominent merchant of Weldon, and known throughout North Carolina. W. F. COPPEDE.

TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES.

President Wright is delighted with a recent visit to the schools of Elizabeth City.

Miss Mary V. Jones, of Esafala, Ala., has arrived and taken up her work as matron.

President Wright attended the meeting in Goldsboro of the S. E. Division of County Superintendents. He reports a fine, enthusiastic meeting.

The students recently had a jolly oyster roast on Tar River.

On the evening of Feb. 17th. the school attended an organ recital given by Professor Huilberger, of Atlantic College, at the Jarvis Memorial Church.

Professor H. E. Austin conducted the meeting of Pitt County Teachers Association Saturday Feb. 12th. He gave the first of a series of three lectures on The Recitation.

President Wright and Professor Wilson attended the State association of City School Superintendents in Durham. Mr. Wilson was re-elected Secretary for the fourth time.

At the invitation of the county superintendents President Wright and Professors Wilson and Ragsdale have addressed a number of Teachers Meetings. President Wright spoke to the teachers of Sampson County at Clinton, Feb. 5th; Professor Ragsdale addressed those of Nash County at Nashville, Jan. 23th; of Vance County at Henderson, Jan. 29th; of Wilsou County, at Wilson, Feb. 5th. Professor Wilson met those of Chowan, at Edenton, Feb. 5th; Professor Ragsdale will be at Weldon, Halifax County, Feb. 18th. and at Rich Square, Northampton County, Feb. 19th. Mr. Wilson will go to Trenton, Jones County, Feb. 18.

The public assault on a minister on the streets of Farmville, Pitt county, by two druggists, was not a pleasant spectacle, and was far from being a creditable performance. The druggists would have gained more in public estimation had they laughed off the preacher's charge, which was that they were using the drug business as a mask for whiskey selling, instead of having gone about getting satisfaction by pounding it out of him.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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Mr. Kern CANNOT be here on the 17th, as advertised, but HE IS coming

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NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. A. Hargrove, late of Halifax county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to file same with me or my attorney within 12 months from date of this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This Jan. 6, 1910. FRANK MOORE, Adm'r. A. PAUL KITCHEN, Atty.

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That tract of land in Halifax County, North Carolina, known as the "Rainbow Farm," containing one hundred acres, less three devised by the said Neptune Foreman to William Foreman, said land being bounded by the lands of R. M. Johnson, W. F. Butterworth and Catherine Jackson. This Feby. 4th, 1910. J. H. DARDEN Executor.

We regret that Mr. Kern cannot come the 17th as advertised in the paper last week, but he will be here with a car of fine stock Thursday March 3rd.

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