

# THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Neither praise nor dispraise thyself; thine actions serve the Old Saw.

Col. William J. Bryan announces that he will not be a candidate for President in 1912. This ought to settle the matter.

It is now up to Godwin and Clark see which one can get the nominating by a vote of the people. The primary will be held on the 15th.

The Democrats, of Georgia certainly believe in Hoke Smith. He was nominated for Governor and endorsed for president of the United States in 1912 by the Democratic convention.

The tax on dogs in the State of Georgia is \$1.00 a head. The treasury has received \$169,598 from this tax and still people continue to own dogs in that State and also vote for members of the legislature. When will a North Carolina legislature master courage enough to put a small tax on dogs?

The Maxton Scottish Chief says: "The prohibitionist in the Republican State Convention kept 'local option' out of their platform but they could not keep Butler from putting the deceptive 'local self-government' in. This will be argued in 'wet' sections to mean a return of the saloon. While in 'dry' places 'prohibition' will be the interpretation. However, the voter will not be fooled."

We have received a copy of the Democratic Campaign Book for 1910 as published by the National Democratic Congressional Committee. It is the opinion of those that have read the book that it is one of the best books that has been sent out by the Democratic party for years. It furnishes reliable material on almost every subject that will be discussed during the coming campaign.

A man that has had much experience in business and advertising says:

"You must sow before you can reap. You might as well try to make farming pay without sowing seed as to try to make a merchant business pay without advertising in your home paper."

The above is pretty straight talk, but then it is true, and it might be well for some of our merchants that do not advertise regularly to take heed and give THE COMMONWEALTH an advertisement.

The Raleigh Evening Times of re-date said editorially:

"It looks as though the next session of the legislature will be composed of members of unusual ability. Glance over the nominees of the 98 counties, and you will be forcibly impressed with the character of most of those named to make our laws. Many a year has seen the legislative halls filled with men who cannot run their own affairs. Yet they are the 'big men' when it comes to running the commonwealth. The class of men nominated this year shows that the people have awakened, and are tired of peanut politics."

There is a growing sentiment throughout the State in favor of a legalized primary. Nearly every State in the union has such a law and it works very satisfactory. Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, is out in an interview favoring a legalized primary. He says:

"I think the need of some better method of nominating county and State candidates is admitted everywhere and by everybody. I hope the next general assembly will provide for a legalized primary for Democratic and Republican parties to be held on a common day. Machinery could easily be provided somewhat similar to our present election law that would guarantee absolute fairness and an honest expression of the preference of electors in their respective parties. The State could have these primary elections held at a very small cost and in the end save a large expense of time and money to the people of the State."

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## GOOD ROADS AGAIN.

We make the following extract from a speech delivered by Congressman William Sulzer, of New York State, during the last session of Congress. Mr. Sulzer said:

"Good roads mean progress and prosperity, a benefit to the people who live in the cities, and advantage to the people who live in the country, and it will help every set on of our vast domain. Good roads, like good streets, make habitation along them most desirable; they enhance the value of farm lands, facilitate transportation, and add untold wealth to the producers and consumers of the country; they are the milestones marking the advance of civilization; they economize time, give labor a lift, and make millions in money; they save wear and tear and worry and waste; they beautify the country—bring it in touch with the city; they aid the social and the religious and the educational and the industrial progress of the people; they make better homes and happier hearthstones; they are the avenues of trade, the highways of commerce, the mail routes of information, and the agencies of speedy communication, they mean the economical transportation of marketable products the maximum burden at the minimum cost; they are the ligaments that bind the country together in trift and industry and intelligence and patriotism, they promote social intercourse, prevent intellectual stagnation, and increase the happiness and the prosperity of our producing masses; they contribute to the glory of the country, give employment to our idle workmen, distribute the necessities of life—the products of the field and the forests and the factories—encourage energy and husbandry, inculcate love for our scenic wonders and make mankind better and broader and greater and grander."

## THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

A Successful Convention Held in Raleigh. Frank P. Shields Elected President.

The State Farmers' Convention held in Raleigh last week was a great success. There were over two thousands persons in attendance and there was shown deep interests in the various subjects discussed.

The new officers elected are as follows:

President—Frank P. Shields, of Scotland Neck.  
Vice-President—Dr. H. S. Wheeler, of Biltmore.  
Secretary—Dr. I. O. Schank, of Raleigh.

Of the new president, the News & Observer says:

"Mr. Frank Shields, of Scotland Neck, the new president, is about 46 years old. For seventeen years he was the cashier of the Scotland Neck Bank. During this time he was interested in farming and a few years ago he left the bank and is now engaged entirely in farming, at which he is making a success, having seven farms on the Roanoke River, raising cotton, peanuts and corn as principal crops. As to his reasons for leaving the bank, he says there were two. First, because of health, that there was more of this to be had in the open life of the farm; and second, because of the profit, that there is more money to be made on the farm. He reports crop conditions as exceedingly good in Eastern North Carolina this year; that the corn crop is fine, the cotton crop late, but with a late fall that it will be good; the Virginia peanut crop good; the Spanish peanut crop inferior. As to cover crops of crimson clover, vetch, bur clover, etc., there are twenty bushels now being planted to one planted five years ago.

"Mr. Shields is an enthusiast in the interest of the farmer and at the meeting just closed his talks created the greatest kind of interest. He is regarded as 'a live wire' in farming life and his election to the presidency of the State Farmers' Convention means that the organization will have at its head a man who will do all things possible to make it of great use to the farmers of North Carolina.

A full list of those present from Halifax county was as follows:

B. F. Tillery, Scotland Neck; J. B. Lilley, Spring Hill; G. K. Moore, Scotland Neck; James G. Shields, Scotland Neck; Frank P. Shields, Scotland Neck; L. J. Baker, Palmyra; John C. Randolph, Enfield; W. S. Hancock, Scotland Neck; Dr. R. M. Johnson, Scotland Neck; Chas. J. Shields, Scotland Neck, R. F. D. 3; L. E. Barnhill, Scotland Neck, R. F. D. 3; W. E. Fleming, Scotland Neck, R. F. D. 3; G. W. Bryan, Scotland Neck; E. A. Lilley, Scotland Neck; J. M. Tillery, Scotland Neck; W. T. Vanlandingham, Scotland Neck, R. F. D. 3; Balfour Dunn, Scotland Neck, R. F. D. 1; Herman Bryan, Scotland Neck.

## A BIG DAY AT DAWSONS.

Sunday School Institute. Most Excellent Addresses. Big Dinner.

Wednesday August 31st, was a day most enjoyable at Dawsons church, the occasion being a Sunday School Institute, and exercises by the school. The programme as rendered was most excellent indeed, and showed good training as given by the talented young organist, Miss Ella Stallings, the superintendent Mr. J. R. Holliday and wife, who are exceptionally fine workers, when it comes to Sunday school work, these being ably assisted by many others capable and enthusiastic. Beautiful banners of the Baraca's, Philatheas and the infant classes were displayed. There are about one hundred members of the school, and such singing; it made the heart pulsate with quickened speed.

The address of welcome was delivered in happy style by a young Baraca man, who bade us welcome to all hospitalities of the day.

The "Beatitudes" by eight girls was indeed good. A duet, by two young ladies was much enjoyed, by being well rendered.

There was quite a number of pieces by the little tots which were all good.

"The bible in Asia, Africa, Australia, and North America" by four young ladies was most thoroughly appreciated.

There were many other things which we would be glad to mention, if we could remember them all, and had the space.

At 11.45 Rev W. L. Britt, President of Halifax County Sunday School Association, took the chair and called the Institute to order.

"Why I love the Sunday school" by Mr. Lem Barnhill, was discussed in a very impressive manner. The county secretary was then called on, and gave several reasons why he loved the Sunday School Association we looked into the little bright eyes before us, we felt there were many others who were lovers of Sunday school among these little ones, and hope is that the future may develop them all for this kind of work.

Dr. O. C. Stallings then took up the subject, "Was the first Sunday school organized, spiritual?" He most conclusively proved that when first organized, by Robt. Raikes, in London, it was not spiritual; that young people were brought in from the streets, and elsewhere, and made to study the alphabet, then reading, writing, and spelling, and etc. He stated further that about forty years ago he moved to the Dawson neighborhood, and in an old gin house, a godly and devout man was holding a Sunday school there and teaching the alphabet, spelling and etc., and usually the school was dismissed with "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord" and some others that in this day have no attraction whatever for the young life.

Dr. Stallings contrasted the past with the blessings of the present, and as the improved conditions were realized we all felt much encouraged and strengthened for future activity. This address we feel did much good.

The President then made some very fine remarks; then adjournment for dinner.

Oh! such a dinner; a great long table, forty feet, and three feet wide, and piled up high with such things as even a man sick could eat. Those people do not things by halves and that day evidently intended no one to go away hungry. The "Burnswick" stew" as prepared by that excellent citizen, Mr. DeBerry was the best we ever tasted. His untiring efforts in helping make the day a pleasure, and in looking out for every stranger, was commendable. We met some school boy friends, the Partins, Flemmings and others which we enjoyed much. We trust we made a few others also.

At 2 o'clock convention re-assembled and after spirited singing, the committee which had been appointed in the morning to suggest a plan of organizing the eastern townships, and to suggest officers for same, made their report to the effect that townships of Reseneath, Palmyra, Scotland Neck, Conoconara and East Enfield, comprise number 1. The suggested officers for this district being: Charlie Shields, of Scotland Neck, for President; Vice President, Rosenearth, Moses Strickland, Hobgood; East Enfield, Stanly C. Whitaker, Enfield; Conoconara, Jas. O. Applewhite, Tillery; Palmyra, S. D. Bradley, Palmyra; for secretary and treasurer, R. L. Hardy, Scotland Neck. The county secretary hopes to get in communication with these soon to get statistics from their schools.

Mr. E. E. Hilliard, of Scotland Neck, then addressed the convention on the subject: "Is the young man safe"? To undertake to give one an idea of the many good things said, and the many warnings to young men and women, and the advice to love home and parents; and to choose good companions, and etc., we could not do justice. The man and his

message was well received, and we are sure will help many of the young people there in living their lives along lines that are safe.

An excellent paper was then read by Miss Ella Stallings to the edifying of all present.

"The organized work" was then talked about a little by the county secretary. We must here emphasize the fact that we need help and co-operation from the schools all over the county in getting the statistics, and soon we expect to mail to every school in the county a form to be filled out, and returned that a record of same may be kept in the record book kept for the purpose. The work is interdenominational and all Sunday schools are expected to engage in the work of co-operating for better ones in Halifax county.

The county President made many little talks at intervals, interspersed with wit and humour, but driving home vital truths with it all.

After final words were said, Rev. Mr. Baucon pronounced the benediction.

The day was well spent, we feel that good was done. Let's all get in line for more activity, and look around us a bit, and see if there is not some place near us that a Sunday school is needed; then go there yourself, send someone else if you cant go, or get in touch with the county president, the secretary, or some other officer that they may help you.

W. F. COPPEDGE,  
Secretary-Treasurer Halifax County Sunday School Association.

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A. L. SMITH,  
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