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The commencement season will soon be the order of the day.

It may not be long before we enjoy penny postage. And then what next?

The town of Salisbury has a postal savings bank. This is the first of its kind in the State.

Speaker Clark says Congress will not likely adjourn before the first of August. We hope that some real good legislation will be enacted.

They now tell us that Stripling's health is falling very fast. This gives him a better chance to secure a pardon from the Georgia Governor.

A street car without a trolley is the latest invention by Mr. Edison. The car was given its first trial at Concord, N. C., last week and it was successful.

The population of Scotland Neck increased 278 during the past ten years. With the proper spirit existing between our people the town would make a much larger gain during the coming ten years.

The Greenville Daily Reflector has recently installed a new Miehle press, which was made necessary on account of the increased circulation of the Daily Reflector as well as other work turned out by the office. We congratulate brother Watchard upon his prosperity.

Economy is mighty good thing when it is practiced against the other fellow. This was brought out clearly the other day when a bill was introduced in Congress to cut the mileage of Congressmen and Senators from ten cents to five cents per mile. The bill was given a death blow.

The Snow Hill Standard-Laonic gives a good reason why small towns do not grow when it says:

"The reason why so many small towns fail to grow is because their citizens do nothing to promote growth. There is no public spirit and therefore no attempt is made to attract industries or improve conditions. If any one suggests something calculated to develop things he is called visionary and a loud cry is also made that improvement means expense. Yet those same people cannot understand why the census returns so often show for such towns a stationary or declining population. Verily there are people who, living in an age of electric light, content themselves with the tallow dips of their forefathers."

Negro Teachers Meet.

The County Negro Teachers Association will meet here in the Graded School Building tomorrow (Friday) and discuss matters of vital importance to them and the cause of common school education.

It is expected that Prof. J. B. Aiken (white), Supt. of the Scotland Neck Graded School, will address the Association at three o'clock. A well-known negro educator, John W. Byrd, of Smithfield, N. C., principal of the Rocky Mount Colored Graded School, will address the meeting at night in the Shiloh Baptist church, colored.

According to the program the topics to be discussed are live and brimful of interesting matter for thought. The membership is said to be nearly a hundred.

Appreciates Work Done by Mr. Bradley.

We understand that a paper signed by a large majority of the congregation, was sent to the vestry expressing their appreciation of the work done by Rev. C. G. Bradley, during his two year in Scotland Neck and their earnest desire that he should remain the Rector of Trinity Parish. It is a matter of general regret that he should have accepted call elsewhere and he is followed by the good wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. Cook Tells Truth.

Dexter, Ky.—In a signed statement, Mrs. Cook tells the truth about how Cardui brought back her health and strength. She says, "I could not get any relief until I tried Cardui, the woman's tonic. I suffered more or less for ten years, and was so weak and nervous I could hardly do my house work. Now I am in better health than ever before am regular as clock work, do not suffer at all, and gain strength every day." Thousands of women have been helped back to health by Cardui. Try it.

GOOD ROADS MEETING.

Second Annual Meeting of the Halifax County Good Roads Association, Held at Weldon, N. C., Apr. 27th.

The annual meeting of the association was not as largely attended as it should have been. But there were members present from Enfield, Tillery, Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Weldon and Scotland Neck.

W. T. Clement, of Enfield, was elected temporary chairman of the convention.

After a reading of the minutes by the Secretary the report of the Treasurer, and other routine matters were disposed of, the President outlined the work the Association had accomplished in the past year.

1st. The distribution among the members of "Southern Good Roads" a magazine devoted to the cause of better highways in the South.

2nd. Bringing before the County Commissioners the fact that the Corporation tax which is paid direct to the Treasurer had not been distributed to the road funds of the different townships to which it belonged (this delay having been caused by a dispute as to how the money should be distributed, and the matter having been settled in court.)

3rd. The holding of several meetings of the Directors of the Association and plans for better road legislation discussed.

4th. By conferring with our Representatives in the legislature, the former road law was changed to the one now on the statute books, which is effective June 1st.

Also a law was passed authorizing the county to vote on a bond issue for permanent road building, of not over \$300,000.

5th. Secured Government experts to deliver three illustrated lectures in the county, on road building.

The President suggests that notice be brought to the road overseer's of the law that they shall erect sign boards at all cross roads etc. stating the distance to nearest points etc. Complying with the law in this matter would not only be a means of making travel more easy and pleasant but would make a good impression on tourists and travellers.

The President suggests that a map of the county be made, the expense of which the State and United States Government will each bear one-fourth.

He also requests that the news papers of the county publish weekly if possible articles on good roads.

By motion the board of Directors was changed to 15 members including the officers of the association and one man from each township, as follows:

- Brinkleyville—Dr. J. H. Norman Jr., Essex
- Batterwood—W. H. Thorne, Air-Be.
- Concoconara—J. H. Pope, Crowells.
- Enfield—Dr. A. S. Harrison, Enfield.
- Faucets—W. R. Neville, Heathsville.
- Halifax—T. O. Vaughan, Halifax.
- Littleton—J. A. House, Thelma.
- Palmyra—R. E. Roberson, Palmyra.
- Rosemeath—W. C. Ailsbrook, Scotland Neck.
- Roanoke Rapids—W. F. Horner, Roanoke Rapids.
- Scotland Neck—J. A. Kitchin, Scotland Neck.
- Weldon—W. E. Daniel, Weldon.

The following were re-elected as officers of the association for the ensuing year:

- President—Jno. L. Patterson, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
- Vice-President—Geo. C. Green, Weldon, N. C.
- Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. J. Shields, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Talks of much interest were made by many members present on the work of the association and better roads for Halifax county.

Pullman Car Destroyed by Fire.

Rocky Mount, April 27.—One passenger was suffocated to death and two trainmen were badly hurt when fire destroyed a pullman car on the Palmetto limited northbound Atlantic Coast Line early today. The dead is J. Prostein, a traveling salesman of New York City. Injured, flagman B. C. Russ and mail clerk W. E. Ireland. The fire started when the flagman approached the leaking gas tank with a lighted lantern. The resultant explosion injured Russ and injured the car. Ireland was burned in helping ten other passengers from the car. Several firemen who were sent to the scene were overcome but not seriously injured.

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Mullens High School Closed.

Reported for The Commonwealth.

Last Friday, April the twenty-eight, was a great day for the patrons, friends, and pupils of Mullens High School, the day being the occasion of the closing of the school. Miss Fannie Sharpe Joyner, the active, enterprising and efficient teacher, although the school closed somewhat sooner than she expected, had everything in readiness, and the highly interesting and entertaining exercises were carried through in a most pleasing manner.

It would be amiss to fail to mention here the beautiful and artistic manner in which the school had been decorated for the occasion.

The color scheme was green and white, and it was carried out most successfully in the use of dogwood blossoms and festoons of longleaf pine. An enclosure in the rear of the room had been arranged in circular fashion, opening into the main portion of the room, and within this enclosure, beautifully decorated with hot-house plants and dogwood blossoms, the exercises were rendered.

Promptly at eleven o'clock the pupils formed in a line outside the building, and with banners announcing the speaker of the occasion, filed slowly in, taking their places within the enclosure, and at a signal from the teacher, singing "Dixie." The next number on the program was a vocal duet by Misses Liza and Inez Gray. This was followed by a song by the whole school, after which Misses Liza and Inez Gray, by request, rendered a second duet. Mr. LeRoy Edwards, one of the pupils, then, with well chosen remarks and in graceful manner, introduced the speaker, Mr. Ashby Dunn.

Mr. Dunn, after expressing his delight in being at Mullens again and his appreciation for the cordial welcome he had received, spoke to the pupils concerning the importance of their work, the joy and the benefit they could derive from it in preparation to the determination which they went "at it," and the spirit in which they remained "at it." He impressed upon them the far-reaching influence of following a worthy example, and illustrated its effects by reciting the story of "The Great Stone Face." Speaking to the friends and patrons of the school he called upon them for greater loyalty in the school's behalf, a more pronounced activity in educational endeavor, and a keener interest in all educational affairs. He showed what a valuable investment the time, energy, and effort in acquiring an education is, saying that all things else might be lost, sold or given away, but an education once acquired cannot be disposed of in any manner whatever. His speech was in keeping with the nature of the occasion, and had the marked attention of all present.

At the conclusion of Mr. Dunn's remarks, Mr. R. L. Joyner, in behalf of the pupils of Mullens High School, presented, in a most graceful manner, a beautiful watch-chain to Mr. Dunn, as a token of their appreciation for the interest he had taken in the school during the past term.

The exercises ended, dinner was announced, and the crowd gathered around the long table that had been placed in the grove, and partook of a most bounteous repast. Every feature of the occasion was pronounced successful, and credit therefor is largely due to Miss Joyner, the capable teacher.

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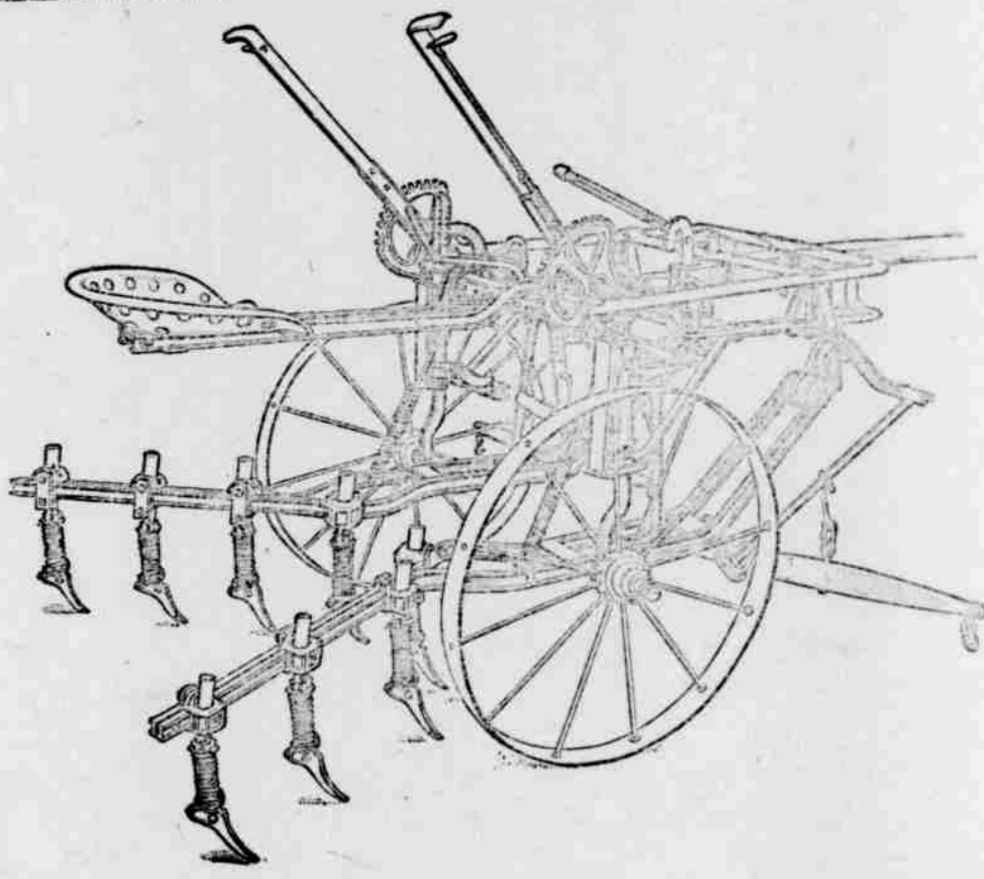
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We will sell at public auction at the court house door in Halifax on the first Monday in June, 1911, the following tracts or parcels of land to satisfy the taxes and cost for 1910:

- FAUCETS TOWNSHIP.
- J. E. Hardy, 54 acres Bart land, \$3.20.
- Kemp Taylor, 77 1/2 acres, \$3.46.
- Richard Brown, 1/2 acre, \$4.43.
- F. J. Keeter, 80 acres, \$3.61.
- J. E. Daniel, 100 acres, Daniel land, \$5.25.

C. M. HAWKINS,
Tax Collector Faucets Township.

BRINKLEYVILLE TOWNSHIP.

- Jesse A. Macon, 128 acres, home tract, \$8.81.
- J. M. Boseman, home tract, \$7.91.
- Isahm Ansted, 30 acres on R. B. road, \$5.05.
- Ben Johnson, one third interest in Ben Johnson estate, \$3.20.

G. L. KNIGHT, Tax Col.
Brinkleyville Township.

SCOTLAND NECK TOWNSHIP.

- W. R. Bristow, 1 house and lot, Scotland Neck, \$5.03.
- C. C. Baker, trustee, 3 acres, Mary's Chapel, \$1.14.
- Nancy Boone, 8 acres, Penny Hill, \$1.01.
- Alfred Carr, 1 acre, Henry Dixon, \$2.91.
- Lina Hill, 1 town lot, vacant, \$2.43.
- Geo. A. Johnson, 37 acres, \$10.23.
- D. L. Johnson, 5 acres, Penny Hill, \$1.22.
- Fannie Smith, 2 acres, \$1.22.
- Dan Webb, 1 acre, Strickland, \$2.91.

CONCOCONARA TOWNSHIP.

- W. H. Gary estate, 11 lot and house Spring Hill, \$2.43.
- Dair Gaskin, 1 1/2 acres on Tillery, \$2.43.
- Rachael Hill, 49 acres, piny woods \$3.69.
- Rhedon Hill, 2 1/2 acres, piny woods \$3.53.
- Joe Johnson, 30 acres, part John Fenner tract, \$3.32.
- E. W. Wilkerson, 100 acres near Tillery, \$5.03.

J. E. SHIELDS, Tax Col.
Scotland Neck and Concoconara Townships.

Notice, Public Land Sale

By virtue of power vested in the undersigned executor of R. H. Smith, trustee of that mortgage executed by J. W. Clark and wife on the 17th day of December, 1903, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county in book 184 at page 506, and conferred upon him by the laws of North Carolina, and by virtue of power vested in the undersigned Albion Dunn, trustee, by that deed of trust executed by the said J. W. Clark and wife on the 1st day of January, 1909, and duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county in book 289 at page 349, we shall sell at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck on the 6th day of May, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon, in the highest bidder, the following described real estate, lying, being, and situate in the town of Scotland Neck, county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to-wit:

First Parcel:—Lying on Block 15, fronting on 12th street 60 feet, and beginning 50 feet west from the intersection of Greenwood and 12th streets, and running back from 12th street 50 feet, and being the same lot that was conveyed to the said J. W. Clark by W. H. Kitchin and wife by deed of record in Halifax county, and being the lot whereon the said J. W. Clark and wife now reside.

Second Parcel:—Beginning at a point where A. F. Hancock, Tom Hancock and S. F. Dunn, corner in Scotland Neck, thence in an easterly direction 220 feet to middle of a ditch, Hancock and Dunn's corner, thence up said ditch 185 feet to within three feet of a perpendicular line, thence in a northwesterly direction across the field 150 feet to A. F. Hancock and Tom Hancock's corner, thence down their line to the beginning, and being the same parcel of land conveyed to the said Clark by A. F. Hancock and wife by deed of record in Halifax county.

This April 4th, 1911.

STUART SMITH, Executor
of R. H. Smith, Trustee.

Albion Dunn, Trustee.

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