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Help us to talk and work for good roads.

Senator Lorimer is to face another investigation at the hands of his colleagues.

It appears now that Gen. J. S. Carr, of Durham, will enter the Senatorship race.

There is great need in Scotland Neck of a Civic League. What say our ladies to forming such an organization?

If it is contrary to good democratic principles to allow a small tariff on lumber it seems that the same rule would apply to wool. Why not?

President Diaz, of Mexico, has at last resigned and Senor de la Barra becomes provincial president. It is hoped that peace will now prevail.

President Taft appointed a democrat judge in South Carolina. This is another case of not finding anyone in the republican party of the state suitable for the high position.

If the steel trust makes rails for Australia at \$24 a ton, and for the United States at \$28 a ton, asks Collier's Magazine, which of the two countries it the beneficiary of the American tariff?

And the President has denied the applications for the pardons of Charles W. Morse, of New York, and John R. Walsh, of Chicago, two of the most prominent bankers ever convicted and sent to the Federal penitentiary under the national banking laws. We say good for President Taft.

Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, was an honored visitor in North Carolina last week. He spoke before the graduating class at the State University and spent one day in Raleigh where he also delivered an address. Governor Wilson renewed old friendships and made many new ones while in North Carolina. He is quite popular as a presidential candidate in this State.

The Henderson Gold Leaf is responsible for the following:

"Have you ever observed how little talent and standing it takes to be a first class 'knocker.' You will find that in about nine cases out of every ten the fellow who has accomplished little for himself and done less for the community in which he lives is the one who wants to 'knock' everybody and every thing. When you find that you are just bound to give vent to your pent up feelings by doing some 'knocking' get you some sort of an implement and go to the field and knock clouds."

The following article is clipped from the Reidsville Weekly and was written especially for the people of that town, but since it applies just as strong to Scotland Neck, we reproduce it without apologies. The Weekly Says:

"Now that summer has appeared and the warm days of this season are given to disease causes, let every citizen of Reidsville make it a part of his duty to assist in the founding of proper sanitary conditions. When it is remembered that every case of typhoid, yellow or malarial fever, dysentery, cholera and infections of the alimentary mucus membranes are preventable, the suffering and, perhaps loss of loved ones, in the past should spur us to greater efforts in keeping clean our own doorway, and demanding that our neighbors and the city governing body use every precaution possible on their own part. It is a duty we owe, not only ourselves and our loved ones, but to our neighbors. Keep from the premises all forms of decayed vegetation as well as animal matter, place dry dirt in the stagnant pools, bury or burn all wastes, and let it be said that Reidsville is the healthiest town in the State. Back store lots, livery lots, warehouse lots, are all the breeding places of every nature. We want less preventable illness if not sickness of all kinds and each one who has the interest of the city at heart and a thought for his loved ones will sound an alarm to pass as a sounding brass and a thinking cymbal."

THE BOY'S CORN CLUBS.

A Good Chance for Several Industrious Boys to Win Prizes.

Raleigh, N. C., June 3.—At the December meeting of the Board of Agriculture there was appropriated \$500 for prizes to the boys of the State who made the most corn on an acre of ground. Rules and regulations governing the contest were sent to all applicants. Since then there has been subscribed by manufacturers of fertilizers about \$500 more, making about \$1,000 to be given to the boys who excel in growing corn. In many counties the number of boys entering the contest has been disappointing. In view of this I am going to hold my books open through the month of June, and will enroll any boy of the right age who sends in his application. There is yet a fine opportunity for some boy who has not entered to do so and win a prize. There will be about \$100 worth of prizes to each Boy Corn Club district. Only 90 boys have sent in their applications from the Second District, as follows: Gates 11; Hertford 8; Bertie 17; Martin 5; Halifax 2; Edgecombe 30; Wilson 3; Warren 18.

So far Wilkes is the banner Corn Club county in the State. The County Superintendent of that county, Mr. C. C. Wright, has sent in 132 applications. If every county in the State would do as well as Wilkes we would have more than 10,000 boys in the contest studying corn growing and laying the foundation for better and more profitable farming against the day when they shall become men and undertake the responsibilities they will then assume. What a state, agriculturally, North Carolina might become in a few years if we had 10,000 of her best boys now studying how to grow more corn and incidentally learning the foundation for better farming along all lines! Enough county pride should possess every progressive person in the district to encourage him to give the movement the benefit of his or her influence. Let the fathers and mothers of the boys in the district encourage them to enter the contest and see how much corn they can grow on an acre. The experience will be worth a great deal, even though they should not win a prize. Besides, we hope to continue this work, and if a boy fails to get a prize this year he stands a better chance of getting one next year if he enters the contest now than if he waits until 1912 to enter.

I shall be pleased to send blanks to any boy who wishes to enter the contest. Do not write to me to enter your name, but ask for a blank to fill out, as only those who have signed applications in my office will be considered members of the corn club. I will send with the application blank one of our Boys Corn Club buttons.

T. B. PARKER,
Director Boys Corn Clubs.

Essex Notes.

Essex, N. C. June 5.—Rev. A. P. Mustian filled his regular appointment at Harris Chapel Sunday. His sermon was very interesting and soul stirring.

Mrs. G. W. Sexton and family, of Neck, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. J. L. Ellington's.

Mrs. T. B. Browning, of Ringwood, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Mabry.

Miss Arline Williams, of Littleton Female College, and Miss Mary Pruden, of Peace Institute, Raleigh, have returned home.

Mr. W. E. Knight and sister, Miss Lela, attended Prof. Forlines's lecture on "God's Glory in the Sky" at Bethesda church last Monday night.

Mrs. Ella Mabry spent last week with friends at Arcola.

The ice cream supper given at Mr. W. A. Ellington's Friday night was enjoyed very much. The music was especially enjoyed.

Messrs. E. L. Lee, J. W. Powell and deputy sheriff G. L. Knight attended Commissioners Court at Halifax Monday.

The Greenville Reflector looks at it this way:

"If a good thing costs no more than a bad thing, it looks like the part of wisdom to have the good thing. Yet there are people who prefer to have bad roads, when it would cost them less to have good roads."

An old bachelor says flattery is merely deodorized slander.

Every man wants his inning—like wise also a occasional outing.

Fair First-Aider (of ambulance class)—I say, what's the poison for which you give an epidemic?—Punch.

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THE SENATORIAL FIGHT.

Archibald Johnson's Estimate of The Candidates.

There is every prospect for the most interesting political scrap we have had in many years when all four of our candidates for the Senate get busy. Senator Simmons is a very adroit man as well as a wise and far-seeing politician. He knows North Carolina from side to side. As an organizer he has few equals in the country. His record as a Senator is his best asset. He has been diligent, faithful and honest. He exerts a tremendous influence in Washington and by his personal power has secured much important legislation for the State. Governor Kitchin has had large experience in public affairs. He is a fine campaigner, and is much more effective than Mr. Simmons before the people. He is a man of very attractive personality, and his record is entirely clean. Nobody doubts his honesty. Judge Clark can furnish as much brain power as any of them. He is also diligent and skilful. A large element of our people are a little afraid of the judge, however. They believe he lacks poise of judgment, and that he is too radical and rash. He will have a large following, but he would better not resign his present position. Charles B. Aycock is the ablest and the best loved man in the public life of the State. He has no money, but he has a warm and loving heart, and his devotion to his State amounts to a passion. We are free to say that we wish the people would rise up as one man and put him in the Senate. He would at once take his place among the leaders of that great body. We have no other in his class, but this is not saying that he is going to receive the nomination. The people want him, but the people do not always get what they want. Whether Mr. Aycock wins or loses he will not spend a red cent to influence any man's vote, and he would not do this if he was worth a million dollars.—Charity and Children.

Death of Mrs. James A. Whitley.

Glenview, N. C., May 26.—Death seems sad in all its forms, but it does seem saddest when it comes and takes away our loved ones without a moment's warning. And we much regret to say this was true of Mrs. James A. Whitley.

On Sunday morning the 21st of this month (May) the last enemy that shall be destroyed sent its angle and with its icy fingers clinched the heart of this noble woman and she was numbered among the dead. No one knows when the end came. Her husband found her dead in bed just as the daylight was breaking in the east which told of the return of the king of day, but all indications were that had not been extinct many minutes when it was discovered. Although she had been in failing health for sometime she was able to do all her work in the house. She worked all day Saturday making preparations for her children to attend services at Central Cross Sunday. She retired as well as usual that night. Heart trouble is supposed to be the cause of her death.

Mrs. Whitley was born near Enfield October, 14th, 1878. When about two years old her parents moved to this community where they have since resided. In the year 1895 she professed faith in Christ and joined Central Cross church in which fellowship she remained until death. In the year 1897 she was united in marriage to Mr. James A. Whitley, of this place, where they have since resided. To this union was born 5 children, four of whom, with a loving husband, an aged father and mother, two brothers and one sister survive her. Mrs. Whitley was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Williams. Her death was a great shock to her people, friends and the community at large. Her youngest child being only 10 weeks old makes it the more sad. She was laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery Monday, the 23rd, 10:30 a. m. to await the return of our Lord.

To the bereaved ones we would say God alone can heal the wounded heart look to him and he will send you the heavenly comforter that will speak peace to your hearts, and will, dear husband, aid you in taking care of and rearing your little children in which you are so much interested.

Mrs. Cook Tells Truth.

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NEWS FROM HALIFAX.

Graded School for Aurelian Springs. Mr. Dunn's Address Appreciated.

Halifax, N. C., June 6.—Mr. D. J. Milikin went up to Richmond for a day of two last week to see his son who was operated on about two weeks ago for appendicitis. He reports that the young man is getting along fine, and will be able to come home in a few days now.

B. H. Hale, a prominent farmer four miles south of here, spent a day last week in Richmond.

F. C. Froelich is this week in South Richmond visiting his people.

J. H. Watkins, a popular "Knight of the grip," was a visitor here a few days ago.

Miss Bessie Twisdale, who has been visiting her cousin at Spring Hill, will return this week.

W. J. Clements, of Lynchburg, Va., was a caller here this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellen, of near Crowells, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Steadman.

Rev. J. T. Draper, of Aurelian Springs, was a visitor here on Monday. Pastor Draper looks well, and says the health of his family is most excellent in that community. He serves a most excellent people, and they will be loth to give him up when the Conference sees fit to move him elsewhere.

There was quite a delegation of Aurelian Springs citizens here Monday at Commissioners Court. They have recently held another election up there with reference to the graded school, and this time a majority was gained for the school toward making it a permanent fixture, and there is much rejoicing over the fact. The people in that community have good reason to be proud, and there is not a doubt that those good citizens will in the future years see many results of the work so recently done. Rev. Mr. Draper, Messrs. Walter Brewer, J. R. Liles and all the Liles family, and many others have been energetic in working for the school. By the way, this is the very best country graded school in Halifax County, and has enrolled about 130 pupils.

Mrs. Walter Burwell, of Henderson, is this week visiting her mother, Mrs. George Gilliam, and her sister, Mrs. Sterling Gary.

Mrs. W. A. Sater has returned from Clinton where she spent several delightful days with her daughter, Mrs. Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard Harrell passed through here last Wednesday enroute to Scotland Neck where they will make their home, after spending a part of their honeymoon in the North.

Misses Margaret and Louise, and little Thomas Stephenson left last week for Norfolk where they will remain for some time with Mrs. B. A. Mabry, Masters Edward and Frank left for Rocky Mount to be with their father.

The much needed rain which fell on last Wednesday, Saturday and Monday of this week was appreciated by all our people. The crops around here are in a good condition, clean of grass, looking well, and our folks are hopeful.

This scribe would like right here and now to express his appreciation of the Memorial Address of Mr. R. C. Dunn, of Enfield, delivered on May 10th, at Scotland Neck, to the Buck Kitchin Camp, U. C. V., which has appeared in The Commonwealth in two installments thereby placing it before its large family of readers. We are inclined to think that many of its readers have been very much pleased with this thoughtfulness on the part of Editor Hardy in thus putting it in print, while they have been thrilled with the eloquence of Mr. Dunn. The address was a grand, masterly effort, and no doubt will linger long in the memory of those so fortunate as to have heard it.

I would like to offer Mr. Dunn my personal thanks for the speech, and you also Mr. Editor, for your kindness in publishing same.

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Swearing by Proxy.
Bishop Olmstead of Denver, tells a story illustrative of the fact that clergymen must keep very much farther away from evil than the ordinary man. The bishop was once talking in Olmsteadville with an old fisherman about a neighboring divine. "A very good man," the bishop said. "A very good man, yes," assented the old fisherman. "He swears a good bit for a preacher though." "Swears!" exclaimed Bishop Olmstead. "I can't believe that." "But I heard him," said the old fisherman, obstinately. "I sat beside him at our Thanksgiving treat, you know, sir. We were both hacking away at a turkey leg. His got away from him. It slid across the table toward me, and a lot of cranberry sauce was scattered about." "I said to him, sympathetic like, for I could see he was worked up: 'These legs are damned tough, ain't they, sir?' 'Yes, George, they certainly are.' Now if that ain't swearin'!" concluded the old fisherman, "what is it?"

Patriotic Names of Ships.
Three foreign vessels bearing patriotic American names came into port the other day with plenty of bumping on their masts and much American music in their dining saloons and on deck. The George Washington of the North German Lloyd Line, the biggest German steamship in this port, came in from Bremen. While she was steaming up to her dock in Hoboken the American steamship Martha Washington came into quarantine. After George and Martha got out of the way the Scandinavian-American steamship United States, from Copenhagen, came up the Narrows with flying colors. The arrival of these ships together on Independence day was not planned for the occasion.—New York Tribune.

As It Actually Happens.
"Cholly thought he was going to get engaged a number of times during his two weeks at the seashore." "And didn't he?" "He got engaged the first week all right enough, but it took him the whole of the second week to break it off."

Silence is often the strongest protest that can be offered.

Sober second thought may not show up until the morning after.

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N. R. NEWSOM, Tax Col.
Butterwood Township.

NOTICE OF SALE OF COTTON SEED MEAL

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