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OUR TOWN AND COMMUNITY.

We are more than ever interested in the town of Scotland Neck and the community at large, and we want to see this the prettiest and most progressive town in the State.

First, our town commissioners get awake and take steps to improve the condition of our streets and sidewalks, and especially the crossings. During wet weather the streets are a disgrace to civilization, and in dry weather the dust is so bad that the same thing might be said.

Then permanently improve this wide driveway and it would be one of the prettiest streets of any town in the State. This can and ought to be done. Then go over and build up and improve the other streets and sidewalks of the town.

Last, but not least, we need some other things to help improve another condition of our town, and that is some law enforcement and a few new laws, and especially do we need a Sunday law—a law against a merchant opening his store or market and selling any and everything called for. There ought to be a stop put to this Sunday selling.

These are just a few thoughts as they have come to us this New Year, and we give them to our people with the hope that they may be a means of causing our town to take on new life, that may cause it to grow and prosper this year as it has never done before.

All together, then, for a larger and better Scotland Neck during the year 1912.

The Virginia legislature is now in session.

Wander if the coming of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to our state last week, on a lecture tour, brought the severe cold weather with him?

The Jackson day dinner held in Washington City Monday of last week was a harmonious meeting for National Democratic Committee. The best of feeling prevailed throughout the banquet.

The next Democratic National Convention, to name a candidate for President, will meet at Baltimore, Md., Tuesday, June 25th 1912. Here is hoping that the nominee will be elected at that November election.

All the candidates have expressed themselves as being in favor of a State primary to settle the Senatorial question and we see no reason now why we should not have a primary. We believe it would be by far the best way to settle the matter.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

It is frequently the case that persons get mad and pass us by with a sour look, and sneer when our name or that of the paper is mentioned, because there failed to appear in our columns some mention of a social function or party or even a visitor that might have been at that person's house during the week. This foolishness is hardly worth noticing, but we want to say that we do our best every week to get every visitor that comes to town, report every party, picnic, etc., but in a great many instances it is impossible for us to mention these things when we know nothing about them.

FARMERS INSTITUTE.

As will be seen by an article in another part of The Commonwealth this week a farmer's Institute will be held at Halifax on Friday, the 19th, and in Scotland Neck Saturday, the 27th, of January. Those of our farmer that have attended these Institutes from year to year know what they mean to the live, up-to-date farmers and we are sure they will attend the meetings this year. It is to those who have never attended that we are anxious to see come out this year and besides getting benefit therefrom, help to make the Institute a big success.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

At the conclusion of his address in Raleigh, Saturday, Jan. 6th, Colonel William J. Bryan is quoted as saying: "I am not a candidate for any office, and what I say ought to be sincerely accepted. I honestly believed in former campaigns that I was the strongest man in the party. I do not think so now, but believe there are stronger ones than I. There are others who can poll more votes than I can, and I can work more earnestly for them than myself. (Great applause.) And when I say this let no man think that I am out of politics. (Applause.) I can work more effectively now than before when burdened by candidacy. What human can deserve all these honors heaped upon me? How can I repay you of the South?"

Now then let the question of Mr. Bryan running again rest.

Fire Destroys Big Factory of Roysters Guano Company.

Tarboro, Jan. 13.—The plant of the F. S. Royster Guano Company was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$100,000 at least and the plant is covered by insurance. In addition to the plant itself, three freight cars on the siding were partly burned.

Fire was discovered at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in No. 2 engine room, and before the fire department could arrive from headquarters, 12 miles away at Tarboro, the flames spread beyond control. Fortunately, by being Saturday afternoon, only two men were in the building at the time and both escaped without injury.

This is the second plant of the Royster Company to be destroyed by fire within the last two days. One of their Norfolk mills was burned yesterday.

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52,911 CASES TREATED.

The Year's Hookworm Campaign a Most Successful One.

The annual report of Dr. Ferrell, in charge of the State Campaign against hookworm disease, sums up the activities accomplished during the year 1911. Some of the records are as follows:

Sanitary surveys have been completed in forty-four counties and inspection surveys in twenty-three counties. State and county dispensaries for the free examination and treatment of hookworm disease have been operated in sixteen counties. At these dispensaries 63,625 have been examined and 28,202 treated. Cases treated cases added to 24,709 which the physicians over the State have treated show that 52,911 people have been treated since the campaign opened. The work is now being conducted in five counties and there remain on the waiting list six counties, making twenty-seven counties making the appropriation for the dispensaries.

During the year there have been distributed something like 200,000 pieces of literature concerning the disease to people from all sections of the State, and about 500 public addresses delivered to approximately 50,000 people. The work accomplished has been remarkable, not alone because of the number treated for hookworm disease, but also for the activity which has been aroused among the people for providing themselves with sanitary surface closets to replace the unsanitary ones commonly found in use.

Judge Cook's Method.

This is what the public likes—a just judge; also the lawyers. Judge Cook, who is presiding at this term of superior court, is one of this class—and more. He moves things, in which he is past master. That is to say, he has been at the bar so long that he knows the frailties of the members of the legal profession. He knows like a book that very often attorneys might be ready to go to trial, but for some one of a hundred or more reasons they do not want to do it. In other words, when Judge Cook finds a case on the calendar it is almost sure to be tried or go off the docket.

"When a case is put on this calendar," says he, "it is notice that it is ready. If not, why did you put it there?" And then he proceeds.

In his work he keeps the members of the bar in excellent humor, yet it is said that not a single lawyer has been able to shake him. It is a trial or a non-suit. Attorneys for both plaintiff and defendant may agree, but it amounts to nothing. "You haven't agreed with me," he says; "I'm sorry for you, but you must get at it. Wade in!" And the boy wade in or get out of court. "How long will your honor hold court this afternoon?" asked an attorney about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. "As long as the lights hold out to burn," was the reply. He works from 9:30 a. m. to 6 in the afternoon with a recess long enough to eat a small lunch.

Judge Cook has done more towards clearing the docket than any judge who has been here in many years. He is here for business and he is attending to it. Continued good luck to him.—Greensboro Record.

Selecting Seed Corn.

To the man who has to buy seed corn we wish here to make just two suggestions: The first is that he should not expect to get really good seed corn for the price, or twice the price, of feeding corn. Good seed corn costs money to produce and must be paid for. The second suggestion is, that all seed corn be bought on the ear. There is no other way for the buyer to know what he is getting. It is an invariable rule that seed corn on the ear costs a little more than that shelled off, and this is simply because it requires a better grade of corn to pass muster on the ear than when it is shelled. Assurance of quality in the corn on the ear more than makes up for the difference in cost. Of course, express or freight charges will be a little higher on a bushel of ear corn than on a bushel of shelled corn, but this is a small matter compared to the difference between good seed corn and poor.—The Progressive Farmer.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best medicines known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Company, Proprietors, Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Mortgagee's Sale of Land.

North Carolina—Halifax County. By virtue of power vested in me by that mortgage executed to us by S. W. Morrisett and a wife on the 1st day of November, 1904, which said mortgage is of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, in Book 168 at page 68, and in obedience to the judgment of the superior Court of Halifax County, affirmed by the Supreme Court of North Carolina, we shall on Friday, the 9th day of February, 1912, at 12 o'clock M., in front of our Banking House in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell to the highest bidder in cash at public auction the following described lot or parcel of land lying, being and situated in the town of Scotland Neck, county of Halifax, and State of North Carolina, to-wit: That lot of land, being Lots Nos. 2 and 3 on Block 60, according to the map and plat of the town of Scotland Neck, fronting one hundred feet on Twelfth street and running back between parallel lines two hundred feet, adjoining the lands of Shields, Darden and J. M. Morrisette being same lot occupied by S. W. Morrisett on Nov. 1, 1904. Terms of sale, CASH. Place of sale, in front of The Scotland Neck Bank. Time of sale, 12 o'clock M., February 9, 1912. This the 5th day of January, 1912. THE SCOTLAND NECK BANK, Mortgagee.

Land for Sale.

On Monday, January 22, 1912, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock, I will offer for sale at public auction in front of J. W. Madry's store in Scotland Neck, N. C., two tracts of land, one containing 44 acres and the other 22 acres and is known as the Mary A. White land. The first tract is on the road from Mullen's X Roads to Lewis' Fork and bounded by the lands of Alonzo Staten, Cow Hall Branch, Calvin Gray and the public road. The second tract is on the road from Scotland Neck to Lawrence, and bounded by the lands of Stewart Strickland's estate, Alex. Madry, Calvin Gray and the public road. This land is sold for division between the heirs. Terms of sale cash. This January 12, 1912. 1-4-3t J. WHITE.

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