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The inauguration of President Wilson is to be celebrated in appropriate military, naval and civic demonstrations.

The North Carolina Legislature will convene on Wednesday, Jan. 8, and it is expected that Luke Crute will be inaugurated Governor on the 14th.

Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador to Great Britain since 1905 died at his London residence last Sunday at noon, after an illness lasting two weeks. His body will be brought home for burial.

Senator Lee S. Overman suffered an attack of appendicitis on Saturday, Dec. 21st. An operation was immediately performed and the Senator is now rapidly recovering. This will be glad news to his many thousands of friends in his home state.

TEN SUGGESTIONS.

"Tax Payer" Makes Some Timely Suggestions for the Mass Machine to Consider.

Mr. Editor:—For the consideration of the voters of the county at the mass meeting called by our Senator and Representative, to be held at Halifax the 6th, I submit the following:

1. A longer school term and a law compelling attendance of all children between the ages of eight and fourteen.
 2. The Torrens system for registration of real estate.
 3. A law prohibiting the distribution of liquor advertisements in North Carolina in any form.
 4. A law taxing all dogs and requiring all owners to muzzle them through the entire year. Create a fund from the tax, at each county seat, and from this fund defray the expense of persons that have been bitten at the institution for such treatment; pay the owners for such stock that dies or has to be killed from such bites, and the balance, if any, be paid into the school fund, thus taking the cost of treatment off the State and putting it on the owner of the dog where it belongs.
 5. Repeat the law which the buzzard and place a bounty of 25 cents for each one killed. Require all owners to either burn or thoroughly bury all animals, poultry, etc., that die, and also all refuse, and fine all persons that do not comply with this law.
 6. Make it a misdemeanor for any bank president, vice-president, cashier, assistant cashier or other officer or clerk to pay out funds to the order of any person, firm or corporation, when such person, firm or corporation does not have sufficient funds to their credit to fully cover such order or check, and upon conviction of any officer, clerk, etc., having defied this law make the penalty sufficient to guarantee its fulfillment. (This seems the only way that such practice can be stopped.)
 7. Make it a misdemeanor for any person, firm or corporation to draw drafts, checks or orders on any bank, banking firm or public depository for certain funds when they do not have such amount to their credit, and upon conviction fine them something like \$50.00 and cost. (This would doubtless help relieve the situation.)
 8. That we recommend a State hospital for the treatment of tuberculous cases, and that every person be required to be examined once each year, at the expense of the State, for tuberculosis, fining all persons that fail to report for such examinations.
 9. That we recommend State aid in the building of good roads, and we ask our representatives to give their full support to this measure.
 10. That we recommend the county officers being placed on a salary basis, and that we have our county books audited once each year by an expert accountant of some reputable firm that has established standing.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.
 A TAXPAYER.

CASTORIA
 For Infants and Children.
 The Kind You Have Always Bought
 Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hardy*

LAWRENCE-HANCOCK.

Pretty Marriage at the Baptist Church Tuesday Evening.

Tuesday evening at six o'clock in the Scotland Neck Baptist church one of the most beautiful weddings ever seen here was consummated when Miss Emily Hancock was united in marriage to Mr. Carl Lawrence, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, carrying out the color scheme of blue and white offset with green, were most artistic, and the soft candle light shining from the fringe of green below combined to make a most appropriate and harmonious setting for the ceremony that was to be performed. Mrs. J. E. Hancock, assisted by Messrs. A. C. Liverman, and W. T. Hancock, Misses Katherine Furell and Cornelia Josey, had the decorations in charge.

Before the strains of Lehergrin's procession had announced the bride and groom, Miss Lillian Forehand, of Tyrer, in a most graceful and pleasing manner sang Schubert's La Sorellade, and Mrs. W. S. Hancock, of Roanoke Rapids, sister-in-law of the bride, gave a beautiful rendering of "Because."
 Miss Elizabeth Furell, organist, then played the prelude to Lehergrin's wedding march, and the bridal party entered in the following manner: Reverend Oscar F. Powers, Miss Katherine Hancock with Mr. Etton Forehand, of Tyrer, Miss Hilda Hancock with Mr. Benjamin Hancock; then came the ushers, chosen from the Sunday School pupils of the bride—Misses Gertrude Whitehead, Emily Edwards, Annie McDowell and Evelyn Kitchin. These were followed in time by the little girls and boys who had been the pupils of the bride—Ellen Speed with Waverly Hancock, Nellie Russell with Francis Lewis, Doris Tilley with Jimmie Lawrence, Mary Josey with Frank Furell. The little girls were all dressed in white, and the boys wore black suits with white fore-hand ties. Then entered Miss Lila Hancock, sister of the bride and maid of honor. She was followed by the bride leaning upon the arm of her brother, Mr. W. S. Hancock, who gave her away. They were met just in front of the altar by the groom, with his best man, Reverend L. T. Singleton, of Enfield, who had proceeded from a side entrance in the church. Then was performed the beautiful ceremony by the pastor.

The bride wore crepe meteor over tulle trimmed with pearls, wearing a veil caught up with orange blossoms and carrying bride's roses showered with bouquets of lilies of the valley. The maid of honor, Miss Lila Hancock, wore blue marquisette over tulle trimmed with real lace. Miss Katherine Hancock wore blue crepe meteor draped with dew drop chiffon. Miss Hilda Hancock wore white crepe meteor trimmed with lace.
 Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left on the evening train for their bridal tour South as far as Florida. The bride is the daughter of A. F. Hancock and is one of Scotland Neck's most popular young ladies. The groom is a prominent farmer in Hertford county. The numerous presents the couple received bespoke the high esteem in which they were held.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hancock, of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. J. M. Forehand, Miss Lillian Forehand and Mr. Etton Forehand, of Tyrer, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eley, of Tunis, Dr. J. A. Powell, of Harrellsville, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Stedman, of Halifax, and Rev. L. T. Singleton, of Enfield.

Believes Dogs Should Be Taxed.

Since the farmers of the State are becoming in earnest about the sheep and dog question, the legislators occupy an awkward position. They are afraid of the dog-owners on the one side and the farmers on the other. The farmers of the west are demanding that dogs be confined or killed; that they prefer sheep raising as a profitable and pleasant industry to that of occasional hunting with dogs that destroy sheep growing.

We have no fuss for the dog, he is all right, but he has no right to hold back one of the most promising and profitable industries of the State. It is unjust to the farmer, particularly to allow dogs free range. All dogs, sooner or later, will have to be closely confined in a dog lot where he cannot get away except when accompanied by his master. The farmers are demanding it—and they usually get what they want.—Troy Montgomerian.

Notice to the Public.

I have accepted a position with the Hardy Hardware Co. for this year and would greatly appreciate the patronage of all my friends who need anything in the hardware line.
CLEE VAUGHAN.

A PRETTY CHRISTMAS MARRIAGE.

Miss Emily Biggs Becomes the Bride of Mr. W. H. McDowell.

At nine o'clock on Christmas morning the Scotland Neck Baptist church was the scene of a beautiful wedding, when Miss Emily Biggs, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Biggs, became the bride of Mr. William Herbert McDowell. The church had been decorated with loving care in banks of ferns and white flowers and holy suggestive of the season.

While the bridal party was assembling, with Miss Urdine Furell at the organ, the following musical program was rendered: "Offertory in D Flat," by Bariste, "Schubert's Serenade," "Cavalleria Rusticana" as a violin solo by Miss Louise Furell, and "The Story Ever Sweet and True" was sung by Miss Katherine Furell. Then the music changed to the wedding march from Lehergrin and the bridal party marched down the two main aisles of the church. The ushers were Messrs. Robert Josey, L. L. Cherry, Ray Boyette, William McDowell, Allison McDowell and Henry Clark, and they were followed by the bride's attendants, little Misses Rosina Pittman and Mary Hayes McDowell, in hand embroidered lingerie dresses, carrying baskets of pink and white flowers and ferns, and Messrs. James Liverman and Will Kitchin McDowell, dressed in black velvet suits with white lace collars. The dame of honor was Mrs. T. B. Wheeler and the maid of honor Miss Sallie Baker, of Palmyra. Mrs. Wheeler wore a tailored suit of white corduroy with a white picture hat and carried white carnations. Miss Baker wore white champagne with a white hat and carried pale pink carnations.
 Preceding the bride came little Miss Lillian Wheeler with the ring on a silver waiter. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. J. A. Pittman, and the groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Harry Lee McDowell, as best man. Rev. O. L. Powers, pastor of the

"FAGGED-OUT" WOMEN

Will Find a Helpful Suggestion in This Letter.

Overworked, run-down, "fagged out" women who feel as though they could hardly drag about, should profit by Miss Richter's experience. She says: "Last winter I was completely run down and felt fagged out all the time, was nervous and had indigestion.
 "One of my friends advised me to take Vinol, and it has done me great good. The tired, worn-out feeling is all gone, and I am strong, vigorous and well. The stomach trouble soon disappeared and now I eat heartily and have perfect digestion. I wish every tired, weak, nervous woman could have Vinol, for I never spent any money in my life that did me so much good as that I spent for Vinol."
 Marie Richter, Detroit, Mich.

Thousands of women and men who were formerly weak and sickly owe their present robust health to the wonderful nourishing effects of Vinol. We guarantee Vinol to build you up and make you strong. If it does not, we give back your money. P. S. For itching, burning skin try our Sazo Salve. We guarantee it.

E. T. Whitehead Company
 Scotland Neck, N. C.

church, performed the ceremony, using the ring.
 During the ceremony Miss Urdine Furell played McDowell's "To a Wild Rose," and Mendelssohn's wedding march was used for the recessional.
 Miss Biggs wore a tan tailored suit with hat, shoes and gloves to match and her bouquet was of brides' roses with a shower of lilies of the valley. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McDowell left for a wedding trip to the northern cities.
 The bride is one of Scotland Neck's most popular daughters, beloved here and throughout the State for the sweetness and womanliness of her disposition. Mr. McDowell is a son of the late Dr. W. O. McDowell and has been for several years interested in the Scotland Neck Cotton Mills, of which he is superintendent.

Newest Discovery for Sick Liver, Constipation, Sick Headache and Malaria.

Every One Feels Fine First Day After Taking Carswell's Liver-Aid. No More Calomel for the People of Scotland Neck. Money Back If Not Satisfied.

KICK YOUR CALOMEL OUT THE BACK DOOR.

Have you heard about the new liver remedy that E. T. Whitehead Company are selling so much of? Don't bother any more with calomel; the new remedy is safer, better, surer and no after misery or distress.
 And here's a statement that shows how good **CARSWELL'S LIVER-AID** is: If you buy it for any ailment for which we recommend it and you are not satisfied with results money back without any red tape at E. T. Whitehead Company's. **CARSWELL'S LIVER-AID** is pure vegetable; is pleasant to take (which makes it the ideal remedy for the little ones); it acts on the liver without harshness, gently but surely drives the poisonous gas and foul accumulation from the bowels.
 It banishes constipation, ends the misery of sick headache, stomach distress, indigestion, and for malaria and kidney disease it is surely a quick acting, splendid medicine.
 Get a bottle of **CARSWELL'S LIVER-AID** today—50 cents is all you need.

Nineteen-Hundred-Thirteen!

To our Friends, Customers and Public Generally:
 While thanking you all for your trade in the past, and asking a continuance of same in future, and wishing you all a most Prosperous New Year, we want to tell you that for past two years or more we have tried to a great extent "The One Price System," and we find that it is so satisfactory that we expect to adopt it in future.
 With this system your child can buy from us as cheap as you can, and any of our salesmen will make the same price to you as the proprietor. Thus you save time and probability of paying a fancy price for the goods you buy, and we save time, too, because it does not take so long to make the sale or fail to make it.
 We expect to maintain a good stock of the best Hardware and Farm Implements as heretofore, and our prices will be right. We are expecting within the next few days a solid car load of the well known John Deere Implements, Walking and Riding Cultivators, Stalk Cutters, Harrows, Planters, etc.
 Let us have your trade in 1913, and we will show our appreciation of it by giving the very best goods at the very best prices, and fair dealing.

Josey Hardware Company,
 Pioneer Hardware Dealers, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Notice of Sale. Central Market!

By virtue of the power vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed to me by Levi Ruff, which is recorded in Book 199 on Page 145, in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county, I will on the first day of February, 1913, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, that tract of land in Halifax county, North Carolina, and in Palmyra township, which was conveyed to said Levi Ruff by Mite Herdy, known as a part of Lawson's, on Roanoke River, adjoining the lands of estate of Mike Hardy, Walter Clark and others and containing 240 acres more or less.
 This December 31, 1912.
A. PAUL KIRCHIN,
 Trustee.

New Year Greeting!

We take this opportunity to extend to all our customers and friends our New Year Greeting, and extend to them an invitation to make our store their headquarters for the year Nineteen Hundred and Thirteen. We shall do our best to serve you the best that we possibly can during the coming year, sparing no efforts to please you.

Our stock is now more complete than it has ever been and we intend to continue to carry the best and most select stock of Hardware, Implements and Building Material that has ever been carried in this section of the State.

Messrs. W. H. Newell, Clee Vaughan and R. C. Madry are with us and will be glad to see their many friends when they are in need of goods in our line.

Thanking all for the liberal patronage extended us in the past, and soliting your future favors, we are yours for business,

Hardy Hardware Company,

"The Hardware Hustlers."

<h3>Notice of Summons.</h3> <p>North Carolina—Halifax County. In the Superior Court. Mary Drew vs. Emperor Drew. Notice. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Halifax county, North Carolina, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant upon the ground stated in the Revisal of 1903 (Publ. section 1561, subsection 1, as fully set out in the complaint in said action; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Halifax county, North Carolina, to be held at the court house in Halifax on the fifth Monday before the first Monday in March, 1913, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 2nd day of January, 1913. S. M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court.</p>	<h3>Notice of Sale.</h3> <p>By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed to me by Chas. Baker, Walter Baker and Thomas Smith, which is recorded in Book 204 on Page 163 in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county, I will on the first day of February, 1913, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit: That tract of land in Halifax county, North Carolina, and in Conecawata township, known as the J. A. Pope Home Place, containing 487 1/2 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of the estate of Paul Tilley, the lands of Adam Morrow, North Carolina Lumber Company and others. All the timber on said tract of land measuring 10 inches and over at the stump is reserved from the operation of this sale, said timber being the property of W. F. Euterworth and others, as is shown by deed from Hoffman to Baker and Smith. This December 29, 1912. A. PAUL KIRCHIN, Trustee.</p>	<h3>Notice.</h3> <p>By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust, executed to me by Mac Rowe and wife, Mary Rowe, which is duly recorded in the office of the register of Deeds of Halifax county, North Carolina, in Book 208, at page 329, to which reference is made, I will on the 29th day of January, 1913, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., the following described real estate, to-wit: All of the right, title and interest of the said Mac Rowe and Mary Rowe, the same being a one-third interest, undivided, subject to dower interest of Rose Carter, and to that tract of land in Halifax county, North Carolina, lying on the north side of the public road leading from Scotland Neck to Enfield, N. C., bounded by the lands of Clark Dielers, the estate of the late James Shields, deceased, G. Lamb and others, and being the same land to which Rose Carter now resides, containing thirty acres, more or less. This December 30th, 1912. STUART SMITH, Trustee.</p>
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FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

To the Highest Bidder, at Pine Tree Farm, near Scotland Neck, North Carolina, on

Wed., Jan. 15, 1912.

Some large heavy grade Percheron Bread Mares, Mule and Horse Colts. Fifty head of Registered and Grade Aberdeen, Angus Cattle. Fine lot of Brood Sows and Gilt. 14 1/2 Horse Power Mounted Gasoline Engine, good as new. Wagons, Plows, Cultivators, Mowers, Champion Peanut Thresher and Ferguson Peanut Picker, and all other Farming Utensils necessary for conducting an up-to-date farm. Also Corn Shredder and Ohio Ensilage Cutter. This sale is for dissolution of partnership.

SHIELDS & WIMBERLEY,
 Scotland Neck, N. C.

ROYSTERS FERTILIZERS

PLANT FOOD