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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. E. R. Langham, representing the United Contest Co. Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, is here and plans are already underway to inaugurate a mammoth voting contest on this paper.

Mr. Langham and the firm he represents are well known to newspaper men and what ever the plan may be every one can be assured a square deal.

Watch for complete announcement next week.

CLAUDE KITCHIN IS THE MAN.

The Raleigh News and Observer of Sunday contained the following editorial, which we endorse and publish with pleasure. The Observer says:

"In Representative Claude Kitchin there is in Congress a man who has taken a position as a leader in the cause of the people, and that he is one of North Carolina's representatives in that body has been one of the means of giving to this State a commanding position in national legislation. He is a strong man, and his career as the Representative from the Second District of North Carolina has been one of high service to the people.

"He has taken a position as a leader in the House of Representatives, and his selection as a member of the Conference Committee having to do with the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill is a recognition of his ability to deal with great questions of national and international scope. He has done a great work in the House in dealing with the questions which come before the body, and in his ability to take the initiative in legislation of supreme interest. In the Conference Committee he is again demonstrating his knowledge concerning the tariff bill. When this came before the House he was chosen to open the tariff debate and he did this in a speech which made for him a national reputation. He spoke upon the matter in a manner which showed his knowledge and grasp of a great subject, that clearly set forth that he was not skimming the surface, but that he was a student who had gone to the basic principles in securing his equipment for dealing with this legislation of so momentous importance to the people of this country.

"Representative Oscar Underwood will be a candidate for the position of United States Senator from Alabama, and his election to that body will make vacant the position of Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. To that position Congressman Claude Kitchin should be selected, for he has demonstrated his fitness for that place of high trust and responsibility and his knowledge and information are of that wide range as to enable him to discharge its duties with credit not alone to himself, but to the nation. There will be no mistake made if Claude Kitchin is named as Chairman of that Committee. The country will feel that it has a thoroughly competent head and will applaud his selection. He will make a worthy and fitting successor to Chairman Oscar Underwood."

It is said that 90,000,000 broom handles are used annually in the United States. This is one for each man, woman and child.

The House has passed the new currency bill and now it goes to the Senate and will not find such smooth sailing in this branch of Congress.

There is talk now that Colonel Roosevelt will be the Republican nominee for President in 1916. No doubt he will be if he can get the nomination.

Mr. W. A. Devin, of Granville county, has been appointed by Governor Craig to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge A. H. Foushee.

We have before us a copy of the first issue of the Creedmore News which bears at its masthead the name of John E. Hart, editor. Mr. Hart has been connected with the Burlington News the past several years and is a man of large newspaper experience. The first copy of the News looks nice and is filled with good reading matter. We welcome Brother Hart nearer us and wish him well in his new venture.

Report of the North Carolina Gettysburg Battle Ground Commission.

Raleigh, N. C., July 14, 1913.
To the Governor.
Sir:—The Commissioners appointed by your Excellency under Joint Resolution of Public Laws, 1913, respectfully make the following report of their actions and proceedings:

In relays the members of the Commission, between June 19 and July 3, 1913, visited Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the fields around the place upon which were fought the great battles of July 1, 2 and 3, 1863. The Commissioners had no difficulty in identifying the several points on those battlefields where North Carolina soldiers marched and fought, and they are satisfied after a careful examination and inspection of the grounds, of official reports of those battles made by officers, Union and Confederate, and after the examination of witnesses who were participants, that North Carolina's claims that her troops bore the brunt of the first day's battle and suffered greater losses in killed and wounded in the three days' battles than did the troops of any other State; that on the late evening of July 2nd, they pierced and broke the Federal infantry lines on East Cemetery Hill and captured several pieces of artillery; and that they advanced as far, or farther, than any other troops engaged in Longstreet's Assault on the afternoon of the third day's battle, are all well founded.

To mark by substantial tablets the several positions of the North Carolina troops which the Commissioners wish to emphasize, was denied them by the Gettysburg National Park Commission under their regulations concerning the location of tablets and monuments proposed to be erected on the battlefield and inscriptions on such tablets and monuments. This decision of the Gettysburg National Park Commission was not made on the ground that North Carolina's claims are not accurate and true. That question was not considered.

The Commissioners had gone to Gettysburg with tablets of a temporary character already prepared for the purposes above mentioned to be substituted afterwards by more permanent ones of stone or bronze. They carried with them also other material and things necessary for the carrying out of the above mentioned resolution.

There is appended the pamphlet containing the regulations under which the National Commissioners acted in their refusal to allow the North Carolina Commissioners to erect the proposed tablets, and your Excellency's attention is specially directed to sections 15, 16, 17 and 18.

The Commissioners, feeling that justice to the North Carolina troops and a proper regard for the truth of history entitle them to erect these markers, propose to make further efforts to have them placed in proper positions on the battlefield. With this end in view they contemplate taking up the matter with the Federal authorities and will prepare, to support this request for memorials on the ground, a full statement, accompanied by maps, official reports, affidavits and other evidence of the part taken by North Carolina troops in the battles around Gettysburg.

The State's Commissioners invited Hon. Walter Clark, who has done more to put into permanent form historical accounts of the numbers and deeds of our soldiers than any other citizen of the State, to join them at Gettysburg for purposes of consultation. They also employed Mr. C. B. Park as artificer and practical helper on the ground.

Several members of the Commission attended the Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the battles.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. MONTGOMERY,
Chairman.
R. D. W. CONNOR,
Secretary.

An Important Meeting.

MR. EDITOR:—Will you please give notice through the columns of your paper that there will be a meeting at Enfield, Wednesday, Oct. 1st, and Scotland Neck, Thursday, Oct. 2nd, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the importance and value of winter cover crops and deep fall plowing. The time has come when we must give these matters more attention. They are the two things that build up and deepen our soils so that we can make larger and more profitable crops. All farmers who are interested in soil improvement are requested to attend this meeting.

GEO. R. BENNETT,
Local Agent.

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

Cotton Anthracnose or Pink Boll.

The spots on the boll grow to about one-half an inch, are brown and covered at a certain stage with a pinkish coating. Affected bolls prematurely, and the lint rots or is of inferior grade. Wet weather favors the disease. The loss sometimes reaches 75 or even 90 per cent of the bolls.

It is a fungous disease, and fortunately does not spread far during a season because the reproductive spores in the pinkish masses are sticky and depend largely on spattering water rather than on wind for their dissemination. The disease is carried over winter or introduced into new localities chiefly through internally infected seed that have developed in slightly affected bolls. No satisfactory seed treatment is known. The fungus may remain alive on the old stalks during the winter; and cotton should not be planted in the same field the next year unless it has been fall or winter plowed to bury stalks.

To avoid the disease, do not plant contaminated seed. Safe seed of any variety can be secured from a moderately infected field if it is picked separately from stalks that have no diseased bolls and that stand a few feet away from affected stalks. If only a small amount can be secured, plant it in a special seed plot from which a large amount of clean seed can be had the year following. Be careful to have bins well cleaned if they have been used for diseased cotton.

Fortunately the disease is rather restricted as yet; but it is increasing at a dangerous rate. It is first brought into new localities in seed grown elsewhere. Growers are warned not to buy any cotton seed for planting unless reliably assured that it is free from disease. Take immediate steps to free your farm of this disease by the seed selection method. Get your neighbors to do the same. Full information about this and other important farm crop diseases is contained in Bulletin 152 of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

Best Paint.

What is it?
Devoe.
How Devoe?
It's 100 years old; but that isn't how.
It has long been the best; but that isn't how.
It has been developed by use and study, by study and use; that is how; and approved by experience, many years; that's how.
It commends itself by long lasting and small paint-cost; not cheap by the gallon, but cheap by the job and cheap by the year and ten years, cheap by the lifetime.
That's how.
E. T. Whitehead Company sell it.

OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, October 2nd. M. Hoffman & Brother.

Notice.

Having qualified as administratrix upon the estate of T. H. Edmondson, deceased, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned for payment within one year from the date of this notice, or said notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, please make immediate settlement. This September 25th, 1913.
ELIZABETH EDMONDSON,
Administratrix.
Kitchin & Smith, Att'y.

\$3.55 Richmond, Va.
and return, Virginia State Fair, Richmond, Va.
October 3-11, Inclusive.

On account of this occasion the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad offers the above attractive round trip rate to Richmond, thereby affording the public an opportunity to take part in one of the best fairs held in the country. Splendid attractions day and night; \$50,000 in prizes being awarded.

Tickets on sale for all trains October 3rd-11th, inclusive, limited returning to reach original starting point not later than midnight October 13, 1913. Children between ages 5 and 12 years half fare.

Go and take your friends with you. W. J. Craig, Passenger Traffic Manager, T. C. White, General Passenger Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

Are You a Woman?
Take Cardui
The Woman's Tonic
UNTIL WE CAN GET ANOTHER jeweler we will take great pleasure in having all jobs promptly and carefully done by an expert New York fixer. Prices as low as can be had anywhere. E. T. Whitehead Co.

How's this?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. E. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known E. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.—Walding, Kimman & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Special Announcements.

HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM the North with a full line of Ladies' Coat Suits and Long Coats. We cordially invite you to come and inspect them. Edwards & Company.

WE ARE REPRESENTING THE best Tailors in New York and Baltimore. Let us make your Suit for the Fall. Every Suit and Overcoat guaranteed to fit. Edwards & Company.

WE HAVE THE MOST COMPLETE line of Men's and Ladies' Walk-Over Shoes. Be sure and see our stock before buying. Also a full line of Lenox Shoes for children. Edwards & Company.

FOR SALE.—MY HOUSE AND lot where I am now living. Terms easy. W. J. Battle, or see J. B. Edwards. 9-25-3t

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FOR SALE.—THE VACANT LOT adjoining the residence of Mrs. W. A. Dunn. Will sell the whole lot or in separate lots. Terms satisfactory. J. B. Edwards. 9-25-4t

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the arrival of our watchmaker, Mr. L. S. Grimm. We are now prepared to give the public the benefit of expert work. A trial will convince the most skeptical. Bring your watches, clocks and jewelry. We guarantee each and every piece of work. E. T. Whitehead Co.

WANTED.—250 FLOUR BARRELS. Will pay 10c each for good flour barrels, and will pay 5c each for good apple barrels. Jose Hardware Company.

WE EXPECT A FULL LINE OF Ladies' Dress Goods this week. Come and see them. We will take great pleasure in showing you. Edwards & Company.

RED RIPPER HAY PRESS.—Only used one season, will sell at a bargain. Geo. W. Bryan. 9-18-4t

TWO HORSE FARM FOR RENT on shares, one mile from Hobgood. W. G. Hedgpeth, Hobgood, N. C.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A very attractive lot of Ready-to-Wear Suits for men; also boys' Norfolk style Suits. Be sure and see our stock before buying. Edwards & Company.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—Near Greenwood, Scotland Neck, N. C. Apply to Mrs. Carris Ward, Bethel, N. C.

OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE IN in Cook Stoves, Ranges and Heaters of all kinds. Give us a look before making your purchase. Edwards & Company.

FOR SALE.—THE MORRISSETT house and lot on the corner of 12th and Church streets. Apply to J. B. Edwards or Jas. Cotten.

FOR SALE.—MY RESIDENCE in Scotland Neck, N. C., and the Walden farm about 12 miles from Scotland Neck in front of Mr. Webb's avenue, containing about 16 acres, more or less. Mary W. Hilliard.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY your Galvanized and Rubber Roofing. Come to see us, we can suit you. Edwards & Company.

FOR SALE.—THREE HORSES, four buggies and harness, one surry, one 1-horse wagon, one dray, four plows and harness. Apply to Mrs. Anna Morrisett or J. B. Edwards.

I AM STILL WRITING ALL kinds of Fire Insurance and can place it with the best of companies. See me before insuring your Cotton Gin. Bernard Ailsbrook.

WE RECEIVE PITTSBURG PERFECT Fencing in car lots. We can supply any height you like. Also plenty of Barbed Wire. We will make prices right. Come to see us. Edwards & Company.

WANTED.—AUTO OWNERS TO send your tires to us for Guaranteed Vulcanizing. If this ad. accompanies your letter you will receive 5 per cent discount on your repairs. Auto Tire Repair Co., Raleigh, N. C.

WANTED.—A GOOD SECOND Hand Cotton Press. Must be in good condition. "N. B. Josey.

SEE OUR NEW HEARSE, WILL go anywhere and at any time. M. Hoffman & Bro.

WE KEEP A FULL LINE OF Furniture, Mattresses, etc., and the prices and quality are very attractive. Give us a call. Edwards & Company.

FOR SALE.—CAR LOAD JUNIOR Shingles. Baker & Harrison Bros., Palmyra, N. C.

CLEE VAUGHAN, DEALERS' agent for the largest and best Tombstone Quarries in America. Quality best. Prices lowest.

UNTIL WE CAN GET ANOTHER jeweler we will take great pleasure in having all jobs promptly and carefully done by an expert New York fixer. Prices as low as can be had anywhere. E. T. Whitehead Co.

Car Load Building Lime.

Car Load Portland Cement.

Car Load International Gasoline Engines in transit.

If You Want Hardware See Us.

Hardy Hardware Company,

"The Hardware Hustlers."

THE HOME OF PURE DRUGS
WEDDING GIFTS
Why worry what to give? Just telephone us and say what you want it to cost, and we will select something that will be appreciated and admired for its beauty and quality, also pack it free of cost.
We carry a full line of the famous L. E. Waterman Fountain Pens. Also a full line of his new styles.
E. T. Whitehead Comp'y,
DRUGGISTS,
WE DO IT RIGHT AND QUICK
Telephone Seventy-Five.

Posted!
ALL persons whatsoever are hereby forbidden under PENALTY of the law to hunt, fish, trap or trespass in any way upon the following lands, lying in Palmyra township, on and adjacent to Roanoke river:
The J. Davis Reed land, known as Urquhart Swamp, bounded by the lands of Mike Hardy, Wilts Veneer Company and Roanoke river; the Mike Hardy land, bounded by the Wilts Veneer Company, J. Davis Reed and the Roanoke river; the Kitchin-Putrell land, bounded by the lands of Wilts Veneer Company, Mrs. J. D. Arnold and Mrs. Patterson; the Wilts Veneer Company land bounded by the lands of Kitchin-Putrell, Mrs. J. D. Arnold, Judge Walter Clark, J. Davis Reed, Mike Hardy, Mrs. Patterson and the Roanoke river.
FRANK P. SHIELDS.

Notice of Election.
Pursuant to an act of the Legislature of North Carolina, session 1913, House Bill 2060, Senate Bill 1309, entitled "An Act to authorize the issue of township bonds for improvement of roads in Halifax county," upon petition of one-fourth of the voters of Halifax township, notice is hereby given that an election is called to be held in Halifax township, North Carolina, on the 11th day of October, 1913, to determine the question of whether or not Halifax township shall issue bonds to run 30 years, bearing 6 per cent, payable semi-annually, to the amount of \$40,000 to make improvements on the public roads of said township. Done this 1st day of September, 1913.
Board of Commissioners of Halifax County.
By W. R. Harvey, Chm'n.
J. H. Norman, Clerk.

Excursion to Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla., via The Atlantic Coast Line.
On Tuesday, September 23rd, The Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets from Scotland Neck to Jacksonville, Fla., at \$8.50, and to Tampa at \$10.50, limited returning to reach original starting point not later than midnight of Tuesday, September 30th, 1913. Proportionate rates will be made from other points in Virginia, North and South Carolina.
Ample Pullman and coach accommodations will be provided for all passengers, and everything will be done by the management of The Atlantic Coast Line to make this a first-class excursion.
For tickets, Pullman accommodations and schedules see the nearest agents or address T. C. White, General Passenger Agent, or W. J. Craig, Passenger Traffic Manager, Wilmington, N. C.

PLANT SCUPPERNONGS
(NORTH CAROLINA'S GREATEST FRUIT)
A SURE CROP FOR A SURE MARKET
We will mail you a booklet on Arbores and Care of Scuppernongs, provided you own or consider planting a vineyard.
SOUTHERN PINES GRAPE NURSERIES, Southern Pines, N. C.
(Largest Producers of Scuppernong Vines)

The Habit of Saving.
Habit is the deepest law of human nature. It either our supreme strength or our most miserable weakness. It will make or break us. Our whole scheme of civilization arose from our habits. A baby born today, in one or two score years will be the victim or triumph of his habits.
And you, also, through your habits, are moulded from a pulpy baby into a successful man or a noble woman. None of all habits, the habit of wasting is the most ruinous, and the habit of saving is the most precious. You can waste your talents, your time, your strength—your whole life—if you do not form the habit of saving the profits of your labor.
This habit of saving is not an easy habit to form. But once formed it replaces the old fear of the future with confidence. It creates ambition and provides the habit with the elation of independence. To spend all we earn seems to be as natural as breathing—until we grow so wise as to reflect that we will stop earning long before we stop breathing.
The habit of saving is real pleasure when it is once acquired. Indeed, there is a real fascination in it, just as there is watching crops grow in the field. But it is not in holding the habit that there is difficulty, for if it is once formed it is likely to have a permanent and beneficial effect on the character. The difficulty is in creating the habit.
It has been said that "an early and provident father is the mother of safety," and this fear will cause the wise to protect themselves with an armor of defense—and no armor is more secure than the saving habit.
Out of the saving habit will grow other habits that are calculated to add elements of strength to your character. You will learn the habit of self-denial, of self-reliance, of independence and of making your own life-plan. This is the essence of freedom. No security is felt by the expenditure of every dollar of income by the wage-earner. But greater will be the pleasure of enjoyment, a wider sphere of mental and physical expansion, and, what is most important of all, there will be more to save.
WE WILL HELP YOU TO SAVE. CALL TO SEE US. EVERY COURTESY EXTENDED CONSISTENT WITH GOOD BANKING. FOUR PER CENT ALLOWED ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. TIME CERTIFICATES ISSUED, PAYABLE THREE, SIX, NINE OR TWELVE MONTHS AFTER DATE.
THE SCOTLAND NECK BANK,
SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.
Capital, \$25,000.00. Surplus, \$10,000.00.
A. McDowell, President. J. Harper Alexander, Jr., Cashier.
P. C. Gregory, Vice-Pres. Hugh Johnson, Assistant Cashier.

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Notice.
North Carolina vs. In Superior Court of Halifax County, Nov. Term, 1913.
W. N. Harding, Plaintiff vs. Erin Harding, do. Defendant.
The defendant above named, take notice that an action was filed in the Superior Court of Halifax County, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining a divorce; and the said defendant is further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the twelfth Monday after the first Monday in September, 1913, at the court house of said county, at Halifax, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This 2nd day of August, 1913.
S. M. GARY,
Clerk Superior Court.
A. Paul Kitchin,
Attorney for Plaintiff.