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THE GOSSIP VENDERS.

We have at last arrived at a solution whereby the village gossip vendors may be ascertained without undue inquisitiveness. Go to your favorite cinematograph theatre and pick out a seat of vantage. If a female, either with or without an escort of the opposite sex, flops down in front of you without removing her view-obstructing head-gear, you may be safe in putting her down in the gossip column. This has been tried and found to be true in nine and nine-tenth cases out of a possible ten.

The reason we know is that having been the victim of such accre- covering hats on several occasions, there was nothing left to do but graft yourself to the chair and hear the disparagement of Mrs. Person's clothes and how utterly lacking in her ability to wear them at an advantage. Then when the patrons of the picture couse are fairly guffawing at something taking place on the screen—"Going off to school has certainly helped Gwendolyn, but I declare I never have seen such short skirts on a grown girl before; I think it is scandalous how some mothers allow their daughters to pack the pavement—" And then as the hauble of voices in the audience are raised in conjecture of how the picture will turn out during the brief respite for the operator to put on part two, we hear above the din the fiendish saying, "And his mother is such a sweet woman. I don't see how he became infatuated with a woman of her kind. It's the talk of the town, the way he carried on with her at the beach this summer, even my boy William says he can't understand why he wants to humiliate his family with his ardent attentions to that woman—"

"Ladies and gentlemen," bellows the manager from the rear, "the serial story, 'The Silken Snake', will be shown here to-morrow night. I have just received a telegram from the film company saying that 'The Silken Snake' has been held up in transit, but will arrive in the morning without fail. I am very sorry that we were unfortunate in not being able to show this marvelous picture to-night. In addition—"

But just then the parties in front of us got up with, "Just like 'em; you can't ever put any dependence in what these moving picture people say. It's all a cheat to get one here to see a picture when they knew all the time that it wasn't coming."

Seeing our chance to shake loose from the spell of local scandal, we oozed out for the nearest cooling station for our nightly chocolate milk.

We arise to nominate John Bull as the prince of side-steppers.

Scotland Neck is fortunate in getting the service that it does from the municipal light plant and the local telephone exchange. These two agencies twenty years ago were a dream; but, could we do without them to-day? Ten years from now it will be beyond our conception to understand how we ever got along without waterworks and other improvements as long as we did.

The Commonwealth would be glad to publish in its columns opinions from representative citizens of Scotland Neck on the feasibility of an election to float bonds to pave the city streets and to install water and drainage system. The election, following a bill through the legislature giving the municipality the right to call an election, could be held any time thereafter. After this the making of the contract for the improvement project might be deferred until conditions warranted such an improvement.

We cannot see why any one who favors a primary that would give the people a voice in the selection of officials can object to allowing the people to decide for themselves.—Durham Herald.

Prepare For Bigger Things.

Mr. Editor:—There has been more or less spasmodic discussion relative to the organization of some form of commercial club, board of trade or chamber of commerce. It appears to me that we are sadly in need of such an organization. At any time 'tis only through organized, systematic effort that anything is accomplished, but in times of stress, as is the period through which we are now passing, enthusiastic, persistent effort is all the more necessary to accomplish results.

We all are, or should be, interested in the growth and upbuilding of our town, but as it is now, there is no organized effort to accomplish the things we desire and see the need of, principally in improvement of streets, the necessity of numbers of small industries, and more people. We can get all these things if we go after them with a will. You may argue that the present is no time to inaugurate such a movement. D'd you ever attend a close game of ball? When things looked bluest for your team, did you sit still and hold your hands and watch them lose? You bet you didn't. You rooted with all the power of your lungs. Well, now is the time to root and root hard for your good old town.

I think it was General N. B. Forrest, the Confederate general, who, when asked how he always managed to win, said, "When I feel that I am getting licked I just begin to fight, for the other fellow might be feeling the same way."

Let's get together now, form a live organization and show the State that we are not licked, and when the present depression is over let us be in shape to reap our harvest in business, industry and people.

NORFLEET S. SMITH.

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Notice---Public Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by that deed of trust executed to me on the 24th day of January, 1914, by Handy Todd and wife, Martha Todd, and duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county, in Book 255 at Page 333, and given to secure the land below described, I shall sell for cash at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., in front of the Scotland Neck Bank, on the 2nd day of February, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, to the highest bidder, the following described tract of real estate, lying, being and situate in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to-wit: Bounded by the lands of Ben Partin, the public road leading from Hill's Cross Roads to Dawson's Cross Roads, the lands of Jim Lawrence and the lands of Frank Moore, being the same land formerly owned by Emmett Bishop, and which was conveyed to the said Handy Todd by Ed. Shields and wife by that deed of record in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county in Book 178 at Page 33, said land containing 117 acres, more or less.

Also the following described personal property, to-wit: One black horse named Dan, one red mule named Hattie, one black mule named Mattie, one top buggy, one double-horse wagon, one dump cart, one rail cart, one cotton planter, and farming implements.

This January 2, 1915.
ASHBY DUNN, Trustee.

The party or parties entering the office of the Southern Express Company some nights ago have not as yet been apprehended. Some estimate the loss of peanuts from the bad weather lately as much as forty-five per cent of the total yield near this market.

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Greatest Sacrifice Ever Heard Of

So, in order to dispose of these DRY GOODS and to make room for my GROCERIES, I am going to give my customers the full benefit of these BARGAINS. Come early, before they are picked over. I must get rid of them within a very short time, as I intend to handle no Dry Goods at all after these are all gone. Come in and take a look.

CLEE VAUGHAN

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Scotland Neck, North Carolina