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If you would prosper—advertise!

They're off—Dr. and Madam Dumba.

We are pleased to announce a change in the weather again.

The Commonwealth has the circulation—both quality and quantity.

Pardon our intrusion—but have we a dog law in Scotland Neck or not?

Believing in brotherly love—we will root for Philadelphia this world's series.

Since cotton has gone to 11c, guess we'll holdout for 12c. Perfectly natural 'y' know to do this.

If it doesn't rain any more for the next few days, we predict more dust of a finer quality on our streets.

Those who are working for a free trip to the Raleigh Fair at our expense, will have a most enjoyable time. Getting ten subscriptions for a trip like this is like taking candy from a child.

By all means Mr. Grouch you should take your children out to see the circus parade next Monday morning. It will please them greatly and besides it will be instructive.

We read of a Wilson woman who fainted in a department store there. The paper said she collapsed when told the low price of a garment, she very greatly admired. There are some funny folks in Wilson, you know.

Beginning with next week's Commonwealth we will publish a column under the head of "Twenty Years Ago." The old files of the paper will be perused for interesting events which the older inhabitants of the vicinity distinctly remember and which will be of interest to the younger generation. Watch out for "Twenty Years Ago."

A better Sunday train service through Scotland Neck, N. C., is one of the most pressing needs that we know of at the present time. Speaking prohibitively—you can't even read your Sunday paper until 5 o'clock in the afternoon—unless you get one from Palmyra, not to say anything of getting it and out of town by rail at a convenient time. We most certainly have the blue law here all right, all right.

The Far Eastern Review has mailed the Commonwealth two booklets by Geo. Bronson Rea, entitled "Analysis of the China-Japanese Treaties", and "China's Official History", both of which contain first hand information on the situation in the Orient as affects the United States. Mr. Rea thinks the signing of the treaty between the two Mongolian races has no tendency to make the recent breach between Japan and the U. S. none the less acute. He sees greater and more serious complications on the horizon, but expresses the hope and points the way to the proper cause of mediation in case such situations may arise.

### Thirsty Pitt

The other day a Weldon officer of the law captured an automobile and about seventy gallons of liquor; bound from Virginia, presumably for Pitt County. Upon being commanded to halt, the driver put on more speed. One tire was punctured by a volley of bullets, but the chauffeur halted not until he neared a patch of woods. Then he made the desertion necessary for his personal and moral benefit—so to speak. He was never apprehended. Upon inquiry at Raleigh, it was learned the car belonged to a Pitt County man of prominence. The Weldon authorities turned the spoils over to the sheriff, who will pour out the booze and sell the car, likely—if the owner doesn't show up. While in this instance the quart law was enforced, there is no telling just how many similar trips were made by the same car for the same purpose. The law will do more good when Virginia goes dry. In the meantime the thirsty will send over for it and the subsequent consumption of it still goes on unabated.

## CULTURE AND DEMOCRACY

CULTURE would come too high, if it involved the compromise of democracy. For what is democracy? In etymology it is the rule of the people. But equal participation in government, manhood suffrage, and majority rule are not democracy itself so much as the mechanism of democracy. The essence of democracy is the spirit of fraternity and justice. It cannot be deceived by disguises of precedent and tradition, of circumstance and ceremony. It counts the individual human spirit so precious and so regal that its accidents of birth and position are insignificant. It was born into the modern world in the new definition of man in the teaching of Jesus, and its development through the Christian centuries is their shining distinction. The general struggle for freedom against despotism in all its forms has been universal and irresistible, possessing, as De Tocqueville says, all the characteristics of a divine decree. Next after religion, it is our dearest possession. We cannot afford to sacrifice it on the altar of culture.—Dr. W. L. Poteat.

### Hon. Oscar Everett for Attorney General

Last week we inadvertently omitted the last two paragraphs of the following article which we are today giving our readers:

Every Halifax County son has read with more than casual interest the announcement of Hon. Oscar Everett that he will be a candidate for Attorney General. Though not actually a Halifax County man so far as geography has it, Mr. Everett is in every other sense one of us. He attended our schools and was brought up with us both socially and commercially. When he was a husky youngster in his teens his brag stunt was throwing a baseball from his home in Martin County into Halifax County. He lived just that near to us. A neighbor and a neighbor's son who hiked from home after leaving college after fame and fortune. He worked hard for the fame and the fortune came incidentally. Anyway he now has both. As a lawyer, he has won his way to the front of the Durham County Bar; as a business man of more than the ordinary capacity, his worldly accumulations and his unblemished reputation attest. He is in every sense of the word qualified to fill the high office to which he aspires with credit to the state.

Halifax County has many things to brag about; many sons who sit at the head of the table, and who sit steady. She has much history of which she is indeed proud. She also has a future that any county might envy. But of all her virtues, her loyalty to her sons is the greatest.

The little spasmodic frictions within her boundaries happen here as in every county. But when one of "her boys" wants something, it is generally a foregone conclusion that he will get it if Old Halifax's going solid will get it for him. This time one of her sons wants to be Attorney General. We believe that she will go for him en bloc. We hope so.

We are relieved that autumn, the bumble bee season, is passing. Exchanges by the score have informed us of persons being stung in the field, in the alley, on the porch and other delicate places. We remember once before being stung in the alley—and, accept it from us, 'twere no joke.—F. S. W.

A sample of what we call financial dementia is the young Middlesex postmaster, who lifted \$1100 in cash from a bank at that town and tried to buy an automobile for cash right off the reel. Officers removed \$875 of the money from his person and placed him in jail.

We are compelled to wonder if the president's engagement of marriage had anything to do with his sudden conversion for woman suffrage.

## Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt the Policy of Greatly Enlarging the Navy.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 4th.—The query which will be discussed this year by the schools having membership in the High School Debating Union of North Carolina; is "Resolved That the United States should adopt the policy of greatly enlarging the Navy." A bulletin of sixty or seventy pages containing outlines and arguments on both sides of this query and references to sources from which further material can be secured will be sent free of charge to all schools which are members of the Union. This bulletin will reach the schools not later than Nov. 15th.

Every secondary and high school in the State is invited to become a member of the Union and participate in the contest of 1916. Every school that enters will, as in the past, be grouped with two others for a triangular debate, each school putting out two teams, one on the affirmative and the other on the negative. The school winning both debates will be entitled to send their teams to the University to compete for the State championship and the Aycock Memorial Cup. The triangular debates will be held throughout the State the latter part of March and the final contest at the University early in April. The exact dates for these contests will be decided upon later.

Since its inauguration three years ago by the literary societies and the bureau of extension of the University, the High School Debating Union has met with splendid success. Three comprehensive State-wide debates have been held and schools and communities alike have been benefited by them. Last spring the State-wide contest was participated in by 250 schools and 1000 student debaters, and it is a safe estimate that fully 50,000 people from first to last heard the discussions over the State on the question of subsidies for the merchant marine. The committee hopes that this year every school of secondary nature in the State will enroll in the Union for the discussion of the enlargement of the United States Navy. E. R. Rankin, Secretary of the Union at Chapel Hill, will be glad to hear from you as to your school and the debates.

Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1913 — Pleasant Garden High School.  
Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1914 — Winston-Salem High School.  
Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1915 — Wilson High School.

### October Healthiest Month

October is the healthiest month of the year. November is its close second. In December the sickness rate rapidly begins to climb. October has the lowest sickness rate of all months in the year, especially from baby diseases. It is the month people enjoy most and feel the best. Why? The summer heat has passed, and closed, ill ventilated houses have not yet been entered. People live more in the open air; they walk, play tennis, football and other outdoor games. They keep up their summer habits of bathing and living in the open.

In November colds and infectious diseases are more prevalent. People now live more inside and the windows have not been kept as wide open, especially at night. All the summer sleeping porches have been abandoned and winter has been accepted in full form. The consequence is there are more colds and a spread of contagious diseases.

In December the pneumonia rate climbs, reaching its maximum in February and March. Other hot-house diseases flourish accordingly, at this season of the year. In the same proportion does the pneumonia rate rise, and not until people begin to unhouse in the spring does the pneumonia rate begin to fall. The same is true of other impure air diseases. It seems that a little wisdom exercised at this point would be both practical and sensible. Live outdoors as much as possible all winter long. Get the habit now. Have abundant fresh air where you work and where you sleep. Keep up a strong resistance to colds by a daily morning bath though it be only a sponge bath, and cultivate right living habits.—Exchange.

### The President to Wed

Today's daily papers carry the announcement that President Wilson will wed Mrs. Norman Galt, a beautiful and accomplished widow of thirty-eight years, a native of Wytheville, Va., early in December. The fact that the daughters of Mr. Wilson virtually arranged the match is pleasing to all. Mrs. Galt has resided in Washington City for several years and owns a large jewelry business that bears her husband's name. To many the announcement brings surprise while others really expected Mr. Wilson would soon wed to bring to a culmination the loneliness that has attended him during the past year.

## See the Great Animals

The colossal menagerie connected with the Howe Great London Show, which is to be here on next Monday contains the finest zoological collection ever assembled for exhibition purposes. The idea to have the animals surrounded as much as possible with the atmosphere of their natural homes has been carefully carried out, and the result is that the students of natural history are given an opportunity to study the habits of the beasts that has never before presented itself.

Traveling exhibitions often seek patronage by calling attention to the number of cages, the menagerie contains, regardless of what these cages contain. Duplication has always been resorted to and it has not been an unusual sight to find several cages containing the same specimens. It will not be found so with the menagerie connected with this show. There is positively no duplication. Every cage will be found to contain different species of the animal kingdom. Not only is this true, but it is also a fact that they are rare specimens.

Nature, during the time that the show was in winter quarters, dealt generously with the animals, and almost every known specie of animal that will propagate in captivity may be seen with their young at their side. There are lionesses with their young, tigers with their still nursing and so all through almost the entire menagerie. Children find particular pleasure in watching the antics of these little strangers and the older ones find them particularly interesting. There is no menagerie touring the country today where the collection of infantile and matured wild beasts are more completely assembled. The four quarters of the globe have been scoured to obtain them and as far as known every specimen of the animal world not yet extinct has a representation.

### Notice to Our Friends

Someone has circulated the report that I was soon to leave Scotland Neck. I wish to say this is a mistake, however. To the contrary I will continue to remain here. Recently I resigned as manager of the Sanitary Barber Shop and Mr. A. C. Yandle was appointed to succeed me. Together we will continue to serve our patrons—old and new. We try to keep everything as near sanitary as possible and to give as good service as can be had anywhere. We will be glad if those who owe old accounts would call and settle same as we wish to establish a cash system. We have a new cover on our pool table and a new line of barber supplies—and if you wish good service, call at the Sanitary Barber Shop, where you will be greeted by two good looking (?) barbers to serve you. Yours for a bright future,  
M. A. BRADFORD.

### Notice to Farmers.

On Friday evening, October, 8th, 1915 there will be a public meeting at Crowell's School House for the purpose of making arrangements for a Community Fair in that section in November. The meeting will be called promptly at 7:30 P. M. and all who are interested should come out and take a part in this work.

A community Fair is purely an Educational affair and all citizens of the community should take enough interest in this matter to come out and help give it a good send off. The success of it depends on the interest each and every individual takes in it. One man nor a few can make it what can be made and it is the duty of every citizen to do something to help make this community the foremost one in the county. And the People of Crowell now have a chance to start the first community fair in the county.

Officers for the Fair will be elected at this meeting and it is earnestly desired that every citizen within a radius of five miles will come out and take a part in this meeting. Remember the date and time and come out and bring some one with you, and let's try to make Crowell a leader.

Yours very truly,  
N. B. STEVENS,  
Local Agent.

We are requested to announce that there will be Sunday School at Mullen's school house Sunday afternoon at half past three o'clock. All the people of the community are invited to be present.

### Powerful Fans

The theatre was very warm and crowded. An old colored mammy turned to her husband and said: "Fo' Gawd, Hippolite, why'n't dey put some of dese 'lectric fans in hyeah to cool of de hemisphere?"—Photoplay Magazine.

## SOURCE OF RUBBER PRODUCT

Rapidly Developing Industry Makes Countries Supplying Crude Material of Special Interest.

"Crude rubber, its source of supply and the conditions governing its progress from the source to American tire factories, have been subjects of especial interest in this country of late," said an officer of a tire and rubber company recently.

Crude rubber is a vegetable product, gathered from certain species of tropical trees, shrubs, vines and roots. It was first introduced into Europe in 1735. It was first used for pencil erasers and in waterproof cloth, and, finally, in solution, in cements. Vulcanizing or curing rubber was discovered in 1844, and thereafter the development of the industry was rapid—though the industry was but an infant in size, compared with now, up to the development of the automobile industry.

Rubber can today be divided into two chief classes—wild and cultivated. These are collected from trees that have grown wild and where there has been no cultivation process. Such trees and shrubs are found mostly in northern South America, Central America, Mexico, Central Africa and Borneo.

The finest rubber in the world has until recently been obtained from the Amazon region of South America and is known as fine Para. For over a century this rubber has been gathered in practically the same way. The native goes into the forest, selects a tree, cuts V-shaped grooves in the bark with a knife made for the purpose, the grooves being cut in herringbone fashion around the tree, with one main groove down the center, like the main vein in a leaf. The latex of the tree (not the sap) flows from the smaller veins and down the center vein into a little cup placed to receive it.

### GETTING USED TO IT



"Is your daughter improving in her playing?"  
"Either that or I'm getting used to it."

### HIS IDEA.

Bill—Now I'll give you a new one on the phonograph.  
Jill—Who is that making the noise?  
"That's the lightning quartette."  
"Sounds like thunder."

### NO, INDEED.

Bill—The smallest apartment houses are those occupied by bees. In a cubic foot of honeycomb there are about nine thousand cells.  
Jill—I suppose it is not alone the janitor who does the stinging?

### TERPSICHORE.

Chorus of Moose Meadow Girls (to Uncle Abner, who has spent three days in New York)—Oh, uncle, now you can teach us all the latest dance steps, can't you?—Puck.

### PROVERBS OF THE JAPANESE

Are as Quaint and Interesting as Their Works of Art That Charm All People.

It has been said that the Japanese are as apt and unique in their proverbs as they are in their works of art. What, for example, could be more appropriate to men in certain desperate circumstances than this: "Man may shout when he can no longer swim?" "While the tongue works the brain sleeps," is another saying of the Japanese, which expresses their contempt for loquacious persons.

The Japanese are quick at repartee; their wit is keen and tempered, and they can often administer a perfect snub in brief, terse form. In illustration of this there may be cited the following instance:

There was being tried in a court a case involving the possession and ownership of a piece of property. The litigants were brothers. The holder, who was clearly not the rightful owner, had assaulted and ejected his brother and was protesting his right to defend his claim.

The examining magistrate listened very patiently to him until he closed with the words, "Even a cur may bark at his own gate." Then the magistrate said: "Even a cur respects his own kin."

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