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Henderson reports that one load of tobacco sold on the market there for over two thousand dollars.

The President did a gracious, though thoroughly fitting thing when he wrote and thanked Joh M. Parker for his work in the campaign.

TAKING DESPERATE CHANCE

David Overton, the former county clerk in Madison county, Alabama, who has just admitted killing Judge Lawler, whose manner of death remained a mystery for so long, must have confidence in the weakness of some of the jurors, or the prosecution had him in such a hole that he could not extricate himself.

Unless there are emotions which Overton's counsel can stir in the minds of some of the jurors, so they will be mentally and frenziedly blinded, it is difficult to understand how a verdict other than guilty will be returned.

The plight and, perhaps, tragic end of Overton are just more black marks upon vivid and ghastly history of the Madison county section of Alabama, as the result of vile politics and "blind tiger" booze.

Outsiders have evidently gathered the impression that policemen of Wilmington, in order to qualify as witnesses when the new city automobile headlight ordinance is supposedly violated must be scientists.

"The understanding is that at the next meeting of the aldermen some sort of an ordinance is to be passed regulating the use of blinding headlights on automobiles in the city streets. Whatever happens it is to be hoped the aldermen will not copy from the Wilmington regulations.

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"WHAT DOES IT COST?"

Under this caption the University News Letter discusses the free school book proposition in this week's issue. It does so, however, not precisely as advocacy, but as information, which is interesting nevertheless.

"How much a year do the children in our public schools pay for school books? It must be a handsome total, or the school book houses could not afford to ration at the capital from time to time agents, sub-agents, semi-agents, and legal agents in numbers that resemble an army in Flanders.

"Really, what amount of annual business in school book sales is represented by the five-year contract made by our State Board of Education?" "One man says from two to seven million dollars a year, and that's a whole of a total. Other guesses range between these two handsome extremes. And they are all guesses, as insubstantial as the baseless fabric of a dream.

"A recent report of the school board auditor in Norfolk helps us to get down out of the clouds somewhat on this proposition. Norfolk furnishes free school books from the primary through the high school grades, at an average annual cost of 45 cents per pupil.

"If 780,000 children of public school age in North Carolina were all attending school nine months a year, the annual school book bill of the state would be around \$350,000. It is doubtless less than that for some 400,000 children who annually attend school an average of less than four months, and two-fifths of whom drop out of school before they reach the fifth grade.

"Our annual school book bill is around two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; but then that is less than two million dollars, and a good deal less than seven million dollars.

"Is it small enough to raise by a tax levy for free school books for the children of the state? Or is it still too big a burden for our politicians to propose to lay upon the tax payers? Who is ready with such a bill in the legislature?"

No doubt, this matter of cost, in its various ramifications, often with the wish being father to the guess, to indulge in a little paraphrasing, will partake of a size much greater than will really be found to be the case. The public has recollection of how the State-wide primary was to cost something like \$100,000, when it only cost about one tenth that amount.

But whatever free school books cost the State it would be less than what they cost the people of the State, under the present system, as the State would handle it more judiciously and economically; would be in a position to do so. It is a distinction without reason to say what it would cost the state and what it costs the people. The people are the state.

As a matter of finance it would be an improvement upon the present way. Yet there is something beyond all this; there is something higher and nobler, and something that should appeal to the hearts of people. It is lessening the burden of the masses. There is plenty of economic reason to back a proposition for free books for the schools, but the benefit to humanity is sufficient to give it approval without that.

Discussion of abolition of the antiquated electoral college system continues, and, as was to be expected, "State rights" are being lugged in. Just upon what logical ground this can stand is hard to see, when the officer to be elected is a President of the entire country. Yet it is just as hard to fathom the reason that would argue that such abolition would mean Federal regulation of elections; no more so than at present, in the case of the election of Senators. The State would still have the right to prescribe the qualifications for a voter, we take it. If not why not?

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Andrew Carnegie, capitalist and philanthropist, born at Dunfermline, Scotland, 81 years ago today. Rt. Rev. Benjamin Brewster, named to succeed the late Bishop Codman, of the Episcopal diocese of Portland, Me., born at New Haven, Conn., 53 years ago today. Judge Ben B. Lindsay, author of the Colorado juvenile court law, born at Jackson, Tenn., 47 years ago today. Eliza Perry, noted author and Harvard university lecturer, born at Williamstown, Mass., 56 years ago today. Walter A. Watson, representative in Congress of the Fourth Virginia district, born in Mottoway county, Va., 49 years ago today. Grand Duke Ernest Louis of Hesse, one of the allies of the German emperor in the war, born 48 years ago today.

November Sale

Of Coat Suits and Dresses Begins Today

A Tempting Feast of Values for the Women Hungry to Save! Every Coat Suit and Dress in Our Department Now Substantially Reduced. Come Early Today for the Particular Suit You Have Been Wanting.

The Season's Latest Styles all included in this November offering. \$65.00 Suits reduced to \$49.50 \$54.50 Suits reduced to \$42.50 \$42.50 Suits reduced to \$34.75 \$39.50 Suits reduced to \$29.95 \$35.00 Suits reduced to \$26.50 \$30.00 Suits all reduced to \$23.50 \$25.00 Suits all reduced to \$19.95 \$20.00 Suits all reduced to \$16.57 \$18.50 Suits all reduced to \$14.95 \$17.50 Suits all reduced to \$12.75 \$15.00 Suits all reduced to \$9.95

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At prices below present manufacturers' cost. Men's heavy Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, @ .48c Hanes Ribber Union Suits, all sizes, at .98c Wright's Spring Needle Shirts and Drawers, @ .98c Wright's Spring Needle Union Suits at \$1.98 Wright's Light-weight part wool Spring Needle Union Suits @ \$1.95 Boys' heavy Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, @ .28c Boys' Fine Ribbed Union Suits @ .48c

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For Today Ladies' Small and Medium Size Velvet Sailor Shapes, with straight or curve brim; blacks and colors; values up to \$1.50 on sale today @ \$1.00 \$5.00 and \$6.00 Hatters' Plush, Velour and Veiver Tailored Hats; large or small shapes; all colors @ \$3.95

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At this store and save the difference. Ladies' All Solid Leather Dress Shoes, button or lace @ \$5.95 Ladies' \$2.50 Vici Kid Shoes, button or lace @ \$1.75 Ladies' \$3.00 Patent or Bull Kid Shoes, newest last @ \$2.00 Ladies' \$3.50 Gold Medal Shoes @ \$3.00 Ladies' \$4.00 Gold Medal Shoes @ \$3.50 Dorothy Dodd Shoes \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 Men's Ralston Shoes, worth \$5.00 at any good store; our price \$4.00 Men's \$3.50 Dress Shoes, all leather @ \$3.00

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QUARANTINE RAISED IN MANY STATES.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—A total of 27,172 square miles, comprising the whole or parts of 45 counties in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas, will be released from quarantine on account of the cattle fever tick December 11, as a result of an order recently signed by the Secretary of Agriculture. As a result of the new order the total area of released territory will reach 309,186 square miles. The area originally quarantined in 1906 was 728,543 square miles. The most notable gain in tick-free territory was made under the present release order by Alabama, where the quarantine is to be raised in 13 whole counties and three parts of counties, aggregating nearly 11,000

square miles, scattered throughout the State. Mississippi comes second with 11 counties, amounting to 5,814 square miles released, and Texas is third, with five complete counties and parts of two other counties released, amounting to 5,484 square miles.

The territory to be released from quarantine on December 11 in the five States is as follows: Alabama—The entire counties of Bullock, Colbert, Crenshaw, Elmore, Jefferson, Lee, Macon, Morgan, Pickens, Pike, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, and Walker, and the remainder of the quarantined area in Henry, Jackson and Sumter counties. This frees these entire counties from Federal quarantine restrictions. The total area released by this order in this State is 10,976 square miles. Arkansas—The entire counties of Franklin, Johnson, Logan and Searcy, and the remainder of the quarantined area in Sharp county. In addition a part of Independence and Sebastian counties will be freed from quarantine, 324 square miles being released in the former and 360 in the latter county. The total area released is 3,364 square miles. Georgia—The entire counties of Lincoln, Oglethorpe and Washington, and the remainder of the quarantined area of Lumpkin county. The total area released amounts to 1,594 square miles. Mississippi—The entire counties of Amite, Carroll, Forrest, Lee, Neshoba, Pike, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tippah, Union and Walthall, a total area of 5,814 square miles. Texas—The entire counties of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Nolan and Wichita, and part of Shackelford and Throckmorton counties. The total area released in this State is 5,424 square miles.

NORFOLK HAS GREAT ARMY OF BOY SCOUTS

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 25.—The date are more than 600 Boy Scouts at Norfolk developed today when they were being made for looking after visitors to the Southern Commercial Congress, which convenes here December 11 and sits four days. Scoutmaster Francis Bacon, called upon to help take care of the large army of visitors expected, said that he would undertake to furnish at least 600 scouts. These are to meet visitors at trains and boats, put two drum and pipe corps in the land parade, establish messenger service at the convention hall and at stations in various parts of the business district and act in other ways as guides for the stranger.



FATTENING 'EM UP! This is a scene typical of any turkey farm anywhere in the country at about this time. Generous farmers are feeding the gobblers the finest of gobble food that they may appear nice and plump and weigh more when they reach the city market. And the poor turk in all innocence gobbles it away, happily in ignorance of the fact that his day fast approaches and that having eaten well he will have to pay the bill by providing himself as a feast for some thankful American family on Thanksgiving Day.

Merchants National Bank

Table with financial data for Merchants National Bank of Raleigh, N. C. as of Nov. 17, 1916. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, U.S. Bonds to secure circulation, U.S. Bonds to secure deposits, Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Stocks and bonds, Stock in Federal Reserve Bank, Real estate, Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer, CASH ON HAND AND DUE FROM BANKS. Total Resources: \$4,121,284.14. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus and undivided profits, Reserve for interest, Circulation, DEPOSITS. Total Liabilities: \$4,121,284.14.