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THE NEUSE MILLING COMPANY.

Annual Meeting Held and New Officers Elected.—The Capital Stock Increased \$3,000. A Splendid Plant.

The stock-holders of the Neuse Milling Company held their annual meeting here Monday March 30, and elected a new Board of Directors and officers for the ensuing year.

Just before the meeting the stock-holders went in a body to inspect the building, machinery and site of the Company. Many complimentary remarks were addressed to Mr. E. J. Holt, the President, and to Mr. L. R. Wolverton, under whose direct supervision the excellent plant has been completed, with the exception of the installation of the boiler and engine.

It was seen that more money was needed to place the mill on a sound financial basis and the capital stock was readily increased \$3,000, the amount being taken by the old stock-holders.

The new Board of Directors are E. J. Holt, J. Walter Myatt, W. M. Sanders, O. R. Rand and F. H. Brooks.

The following officers were chosen:

E. J. Holt, President.
W. M. Sanders, Vice President.
Wm. N. Holt, Secretary and Treasurer.

It will not be long before the mill will be ready for business. It is equipped with the most modern machinery and down-to-date fixtures and will stand on an equal footing with any roller mill in the country.

The mill is a Johnston County institution, a large part of the capital stock being subscribed by the farmers of the County and others who are interested in seeing a first-class roller mill at the County seat.

Registrars and Poll-holders.

The County Board of Elections met in Selma March 27, and appointed the registrars and poll-holders for the election to be held on the 26th of May. The first named in each township is the registrar, the last two names the poll-holders.

Upper Clayton—Q. F. Pool, M. M. Gully and G. S. Cable.

Lower Clayton—M. G. Gully, M. Durham and W. M. Byrd.

Cleveland—F. H. Booker, Douglas Holt and F. M. Weeks.

Pleasant Grove—E. S. Coats, E. S. Edmundson and Leonard Johnson.

Elevation—T. Marvin Johnson, J. D. Stevens and W. C. Benson.

Banner—E. L. Hall, J. M. McLamb and J. G. Smith.

Meadow—T. J. Mashburn, J. J. Rose and L. P. Johnson.

Bentonsville—N. W. Smith, E. T. Westbrook and Needham Masengill.

Ingrams—John W. Keen, J. W. Hollowell and Preston Ford.

Boon Hill—Malcolm McKinne, James C. Holt and Vine Edwards.

Beulah—L. Z. Woodard, D. B. Sasser and J. H. Davis.

Oneals—I. D. Manning, J. W. Corbett and J. B. Whitley.

Wilders—V. R. Turley, J. B. Oneal and W. B. Eason.

Wilson's Mills—L. F. Uzzle, W. H. Ellis and Willis Jones.

Selma—W. B. Driver, W. H. Call and C. F. Kirby.

Pine Level—Z. Taylor, Henry R. Gerald and W. G. Britt.

Smithfield—W. M. Ives, J. H. Woodall and G. S. Wilson.

Third Sunday Speakings.

Arrangements have been made for speaking on temperance as mentioned below. Other appointments will be made for the third Sunday and announced next week.

Prof. I. T. Turlington and Mr. J. M. Beaty at Corbett School House in the neighborhood of Mr. W. T. Parker at 3:30 o'clock.

Rev. O. R. Mangum at Thanksgiving Baptist church at 3:30.

Rev. T. H. Thornton at White Oak church at 3:30.

Johnston Will Stand By Pou.

To the Editor of the SMITHFIELD HERALD:—

I do not believe it is necessary to write or speak one word to the democrats of Johnston County to induce them to give their support in convention to Mr. E. W. Pou, the present congressman from this district. We have all known him from boyhood and not one word can be truthfully said to his discredit. He is a manly fellow, always ready to help a friend, kind-hearted and generous almost to a fault. If he has any enemies at all they are few in number and not deserved. No man can know another more intimately than I have known this man from his youth up, and I say he is as honorable and high-toned as his deceased father, and when I say that, the people of Johnston County know I have said it all.

But now, when he is just entering upon a career of national usefulness, a gentleman from an adjoining county says he ought to be defeated, and why? Because he has not done his duty in Congress? No. Because there is anything to be said against him? No. Why defeat him then? Solely because the other fellow wants the place. This gentleman who is opposing Mr. Pou has actually had his representative going from house to house in Johnston County telling the people that "Ed. Pou has had the place long enough, give somebody else a chance." Now, if this sort of talk comes from a man who had done the party long and distinguished service, and who had not been himself rewarded, the people might be disposed to listen to his plea, but in this instance it comes from a man who has held office almost as long as Mr. Pou, who holds one of the most lucrative offices in this State today, and who certainly cannot claim to have done the work that Mr. Pou has for the Democratic Party. Mr. Russ, the only candidate now opposing Mr. Pou, was elected Mayor of Raleigh for two or three terms, and in 1898 was elected Clerk of the Court of Wake County, which place he has now held for ten years. When his term expires he will have held that office for twelve consecutive years and yet he says Mr. Pou should be defeated when he has been in Congress for eight years, solely to give Russ a chance.

Does such reasoning come with good grace from a man who has been so abundantly rewarded for whatever he may have done? Now I have not one word to say against Bill Russ, but this is not fair and I do not believe it should influence a single Democrat to vote for him in convention.

It is true Mr. Pou has held office for a good long time, but let us not forget how he came to do so. When he was first nominated for Solicitor, a Republican held that office but Mr. Pou redeemed the judicial district and by a campaign which is still remembered to his credit, helped to carry every county in the district. Certainly the Democrats of Wake County have not forgotten the help he rendered in that campaign when for the first time in many years the entire Democratic ticket was elected in that county.

In 1896, the party had been swept from power. The Democrats of the Fourth Congressional District were looking around to get some man to run, not with the hope of electing him, but with the certainty of defeat. I know from my own knowledge that Mr. Pou did not want the nomination that year. He told me so, but he said if he was chosen by the convention he would not refuse because the party had rewarded him and he felt it his duty to run if the party wanted him to do so. The convention nominated him by acclamation and he was defeated by a reduced majority after one of the most brilliant campaigns ever waged in this district.

In 1900 he was nominated for Congress when he was not a candidate while he was at home dangerously ill with erysipelas. Have the people forgotten why he withdrew as a candidate that year? It was claimed by a few that the party was under obligations to nominate John W. Atwater who had been elected as an independent because he had bolted the Populist Party and had favored the constitutional amendment. Everybody knew that Ed. Pou would be nominated if he asked it, but he withdrew so that even Atwater could not say he did not have a fair chance. The convention refused to nominate Atwater and the wisdom of the decision of the convention has been manifested by the subsequent conduct of the man it turned down, for he is now a full-fledged Republican. In every campaign for twenty years Mr. Pou has gone wherever the party chairman has sent him. The two campaigns of 1900 almost ruined his health. Last summer he had a return of a painful trouble with which he has been afflicted. While he was in a hospital in Philadelphia, a report was circulated that he was so broken-down he could never run again. That was the reason given then for the opposition to him, but he came home well nigh restored to health, and now they say he ought to be defeated because he has been in office long enough and because he has done nothing as the representative of this district in Congress. The latter charge is as ridiculous as it is false. The rural delivery routes which cover this district like a net work answer it. The Congressional Record answers it. The Minority Leader in Congress answered it when he put Mr. Pou on the Ways and Means Committee, the second time in fifty years, so I am told, that North Carolina has been represented on the most important Committee in either branch of Congress. A public building soon to be erected in the town of Henderson answers the charge, and three hundred street-car motormen in the city of Washington, who formerly were compelled to run their cars with snow and sleet beating in their faces, but who are now protected by vestibules required by Mr. Pou's bill, also stand ready to answer the charge.

Even now while the representative of Mr. Pou's opponent is driving over this district urging the people whom he has served so well and faithfully to vote against him in the convention, Ed. Pou is at his post in Washington helping to force the Republicans to permit a vote on certain measures of importance to the very people who are asked to turn Mr. Pou down. Will they do it? No indeed. In spite of all the house to house campaigns and soft talk, the Democrats of Johnston County will stand by this man whose course in Congress is a credit to his party and his State.

Mr. Editor, I do not believe there will be a dissenting voice in the convention against either Horne or Pou. Johnston County is proud of both of these men and both can be nominated. Mr. Pou has steadily risen since he has been in Congress. He is now in a position to render genuine service to the people of the whole county. He is one of the democratic leaders in Congress. It would be folly, in my judgment, to defeat him. He was elected the last time by 6891 majority, and received more than twice as many votes as his opponent. Mr. Pou enjoys the confidence of the people of the district, Republicans as well as Democrats. He has strong friends in every township of every county. There is no reason for a change. There are many reasons why there should not be a change.

Let us stand by Horne and Pou and there will be no doubt about the result in November.

J. T. ELLINGTON,
Clayton, N. C., April 9th, 1908.

It Is Not Safe.

It is not safe to keep intoxicating liquors in easy reach of boys and young men and others whose appetites have been whetted by denand liquors.

Benson Notes.

Mr. John McLamb went to Raleigh Friday, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Royal, of Belfield, Va., are visiting relatives here.

Messrs. Tom Canaday, and John Strickland of Uniontown, Pa., are here for a few days.

Misses Maude and Jewell Hall spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mary Hatcher in Dunn.

Mrs. Ira T. Turlington, of Smithfield visited relatives in Benson Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Hood, of Kenly, is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan and Misses Meta and Florence Holder of Dunn, spent Sunday afternoon in town.

Misses Florence and Bertha Johnson went to Dunn Friday afternoon to take part in an entertainment given by the musical talent of the town Friday night.

Mr. Ezra Massengill, of this place, and Miss India Johnson, of Four Oaks, were married Sunday afternoon by Elder James Johnson. They have moved here and will make Benson their home.

Mr. Allen B. Hudson has begun the erection of a two story brick building on the vacant lot between the stores of Allen Barefoot and the Wall Hardware Co. The second story of the building will be used for offices.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hall gave a party last Thursday night in honor of Misses Mayme Page, Lillian Markham and Meta Williams. Quite a number of young people were present. They report a very pleasant time.

On Easter Monday the Baraca and Philathea classes of the Baptist Church will give a picnic at the mineral springs about one mile east of town. Members of the Baraca class have been invited to speak on the occasion.

The "Deestrick Skule" made such a hit when played at the Graded school March 20, that the committee in charge have decided to present it again Friday night April 10. Several new features have been added. Let everybody go prepared to laugh.

Benson can boast of as good produce market as any town of its size in the State. In one day recently about \$600.00 was paid out for chickens alone some of them selling as high as 72 cents each. Farmers, if you want the highest prices bring your produce to Benson.

If you want to know the population of Benson go to the depot on Sunday afternoon. The old and the young are there. The dude and the tramps know the place. There hymns are sung, politics talked and courtships carried on. Can't the people of Benson find a more suitable place to spend their time on Sunday afternoon?

Benson March 8. REPORTER.

Is Not One Time Enough?

There are a large number of men in Johnston County who voted for liquor twenty-seven years ago when the other state election was held. Their votes helped to arrange for the bar-room rule which prevailed in the years following. In these years distilleries, saloons and dispensaries crippled our schools and churches and business interests and ruined many of our homes. Strange to say many of these men are red hot for liquor again. Is not one time enough? When men make as great a mistake as did these men who voted for liquor they ought not to do the same thing over. One stroke at this country's welfare is enough even if they did vote for liquor thinking they were doing what they ought to do. It is time for them to open their eyes.

Come quick poultry wire is going fast. CARTER STEVENS CO.

Clayton News.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Thurman Smith has about recovered from measles.

Mr. Jesse W. Hilliard will be our next list-taker. Mr. Hilliard will give us excellent service.

Mrs. J. B. Ferrell and Mrs. J. S. Barnes spent a part of last week in the country visiting relatives.

Mr. W. Edgar Stallings has moved his livery business to the old livery stables, recently occupied by Mr. J. W. Sealey.

Messrs. J. T. Taiton, J. H. Austin and Jesse J. Ellis attended the Virginia-Carolina baseball game at Greensboro this week.

Hon. Ashley Horne is away from home a good part of the time now looking after his campaign. Mr. Horne's pleasant personality will add more to his popularity than much oratory.

On account of failure to get pass books, certificates, etc., the Building and Loan Association will accept entrance fees until Saturday the 18th, at which time the regular monthly payments will begin.

We are very enthusiastic over Clayton's very bright prospects of a more rapid growth in the near future. Quite a number of nice lots have been acquired recently for the sole purpose of home building. This condition of affairs is brought about more by the organization of the Clayton Building and Loan Association than any other agency. Watch for the Building and Loan's ad in this issue.

April is going to be the month of lectures, recitals, plays, and musicals in Clayton. The following are booked now. On April 10th, Miss Renfrow's Recital; 14th, Dr. Henry W. Battle, of Kinston, will lecture on prohibition, and we might say here that Dr. Battle is considered one of the best orators in the State and it would be very unwise for any of the people hereabouts to miss this; 16th, the singing class from Oxford Orphanage; 20th, The Silent Detective; 21st, The Mountain Trio. Each one of these promises to be fine, so don't miss a single one.

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Archer Items.

Mr. J. W. Barnes is having several of his tenement houses repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Barnes, of Clayton, were visiting friends here Sunday.

Rev. A. A. Rippin will fill his regular appointment at White Oak next Sunday.

We regret to note that Mr. Chas. R. Stott is confined to his room with the grippe.

Mr. George Hinton, of near Smithfield, spent part of last week in our community.

Messrs. J. W. Barnes and W. H. Austin made a business trip to Smithfield Monday.

Mrs. H. A. Tyner, of Four Oaks, is the guest of the family of Mr. William Stencil this week.

Miss Bertha Barnes returned Sunday from a visit to her brother, Mr. John I. Barnes, at Clayton.

Misses Omega and Ola Eason and Irene Smith spent Sunday with the family of Mr. A. M. Barnes, their uncle.

Rev. Mr. Cuthrell, of Wilson's Mills, delivered a temperance lecture here Saturday afternoon. Some of our people are "wets" and some "drys."

S. L. W.

A Twenty Year Sentence.

"I have just completed a twenty year health sentence, imposed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me of bleeding piles just twenty years ago," writes O. S. Woolver, of LeKaysville, N. Y. Bucklen's Arnica Salve heals the worst sores, boils, burns, wounds and cuts in the shortest time. 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

JOHNSTON COUNTY TELEPHONES.

The New Company Forging Ahead. Has 86 Phones Now and One Country Line Six Miles Long. The Opportunity Before Us.

The Johnston County Telephone Company has now been in active operation for eight months. Its business has had a steady growth until today the company has 86 phones in use and more to be put in during the next few days. Every business house in town with few exceptions, is using the Johnston County phones, while a great majority of the residences have these phones. The Company has recently built a six-mile line to Mr. S. V. Smith's, where the Clayton Telephone Co. will meet the Johnston County Telephone Company's line, connecting the two, and in this way give us service into Raleigh.

We are now within one and a half miles of Wilson's Mills and the management wishes to extend the line there soon. The Manager also tells us of two or more rural lines that he contemplates building during the summer, provided he can raise the necessary funds.

Now if our merchants will stop a moment and consider the advantages to be derived from building lines into various sections of the country they will get solidly behind the enterprise, and within a few years we shall see Johnston County a network of telephonic connections. While this will help Smithfield, every town in the county will be benefited if they will join hands with us and help push the work along.

Let every town in the county build a small exchange, then connect these towns together and build rural lines. By this means all sections of the county will be brought into telephone connection with each other and thus make us a more closely united people. In addition to the mutual advantages to be derived we will be able to keep the money paid out for monthly rents at home and among our own people.

Princeton Items.

H. L. Candler was in town Sunday.

Miss Jennie Davis, of Fremont, visited Miss Lela Benton last week.

Geo. F. Woodard and A. F. Holt went to Smithfield Monday on business.

Our beloved Pastor Rev. Mr. Ormond failed to fill his appointment Sunday.

Mr. Beck Benton and family spent Sunday in town with his brother, J. L. Benton.

Claude Sanders was in town Monday looking up the tardy delinquent tax payers.

Mr. Jack Hill's horse ran away Sunday and tore his buggy up and threw his baby out. It came very near being killed.

Mr. J. H. Wellons is building a wood and black smith shop back of his market and has employed experienced workmen to fill a long felt need.

Mr. McEwan, of New York City, was in town a day or so last week looking after the interest of Clayton Mfg. Co., of which he is president.

Prof. Cullom and daughter gave us very enjoyable entertainments Sunday at the Baptist Church consisting of instrumental and vocal music, recitations, etc. We also had some enthusiastic speeches from the Professor, Malcolm McKinne, J. R. Ledbetter and others. Several votes were made for the prohibition cause.

C. M. F.

Plenty of Trouble

is caused by stagnation of the liver and bowels. To get rid of it and headache and biliousness and the poison that brings jaundice, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, the reliable purifiers that do the work without grinding or griping. 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.