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### THE RESULT IN MAINE.

The Democrats won a great victory in Maine last Monday, electing a Governor, two Congressmen, and a majority of both houses of the Legislature. For the first time since the Civil War, so far as we know, a Democrat will represent Maine in the United States Senate after the fourth of next March.

According to the latest returns the Democrats will have a majority of 33 on joint ballot. The Senate will consist of 21 Democrats and 10 Republicans, while the House will have 88 Democrats and 64 Republicans. In the last Legislature the Republicans had a majority of 62 on joint ballot.

Col. Frederick W. Plaisted, the Democratic candidate for Governor received 73,644 votes and Gov. Bert N. Fernald, his Republican opponent, received 64,912. Plaisted's majority \$,732. Four years ago Governor Cobb, Republican, had a majority of \$,064. A change of nearly 17,000 in four years. The last Democratic Governor of Maine was elected in 1880 and was the father of Col. Plaisted who was elected Monday.

It has been so long since a Democrat was elected to the United States Senate from Maine that aspirants for the position have been few and far between. Charles E. Johnson, a prominent lawyer of Waterville, has announced his candidacy to succeed Senator Hale who has been in the Senate for thirty years.

### THE GOOD ROADS QUESTION.

We are glad to see our people taking a deeper interest in the subject of better highways. This means much for our good old County. We believe the time is near at hand when the people of Johnston county will realize that the only way to have better roads is to tax themselves for the purpose of building better ones. In some sections the people are already planning to have a vote for this purpose in the near future. We believe that the next Legislature should be asked to pass a law allowing any township in the county to have an election called by the county commissioners when a certain number of petitioners ask for it, as is now the case on the stock law question.

On another page of this paper will be found several articles on this great question treating the various phases of the subject. We hope our farmer friends will look them up and give them full consideration.

The independent Democratic convention was held at Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday to decide what course they would pursue in the gubernatorial race. As they had already promised, they endorsed Capt. Ben W. Hooper, the Republican nominee, and a Republican will be the next Governor of Tennessee because of the wickedness of the Patterson machine. For the time being party lines, so far as the Governor is concerned, will be obliterated. The Republicans endorsed the candidate put out by the independents for Railroad Commissioner. Along all other lines the Democrats will vote regular.

Last Saturday night Governor M. R. Patterson, the regular, or machine candidate for governor withdrew from the race, after repeatedly saying he would stay in the race, victory or defeat. He foresaw that he would go down to an ignominious defeat, so he preferred to step down and out. Thus the man who has won the title of "murder-pardoning governor" will not again afflict Tennessee with his corrupt rule.

### THE YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY IN JOHNSTON COUNTY.

(Communicated.)

When one travels back and forth in North Carolina and sees the multitude of young men and young women crowding the trains day and night in order that they may enter college on opening day, the happy realization comes that practically no ignorance in the State will be known in a few years hence. If the material in this mad rush for college is properly cast it means that North Carolina must soon be a greater State along all lines.

The time has come, not only in North Carolina but in all the states as well, when more preparation than ever before must be made if one wishes to attain any prominence in the struggle for existence. The young people realize that the demands upon themselves will be in greater proportion than those upon their parents. In fact they must be better fitted to cope with the same conditions that contributed toward the success of their parents. In other words they must be educated if they wish to be recognized as a leader in whatever field is chosen.

No state in the Union offers the youth better educational advantages than does North Carolina. Its colleges numbered by the scores are being overcrowded. The freshman classes are larger than ever in the history of the State. One wonders if this place can be maintained. Whence will the boys and girls come to fill the colleges as the different classes graduate and pass out? Many boys and girls have already answered this question, judging from the reports of secondary schools made in the daily papers. Almost every report shows a gain in numbers. Will this be true in Johnston county?

No county in this State has more boys and girls who ought to attend school than our own county. Statistics show there is a gradual gain in attendance each year. This is yet much room for improvement. Why not every boy and girl in the county attend school this year? Start now and determine that you will not be outclassed in the struggle for existence.

Never in the history of the State has the boy and the girl had better opportunities for acquiring an elementary education than at the present time. A good school is practically set in every parents' doorway and teachers placed therein by means of special taxation that will always be accorded to with joy on the part of every patriotic citizen.

The youth of Johnston county, wake up. Begin putting on an iron clad armor. You must fight the battles of life.

"Be not like dumb driven cattle,  
Be a hero in the strife."

This appears to be a Democratic year. From all over the country where elections have been held the most gratifying results to the Democratic party have obtained. In Vermont last week the Republican majority of 30,000 of two years ago has shrunk to 17,000.

As goes Maine, so goes the nation, has often been quoted regarding the political situation in the country. Maine has gone Democratic, electing a Governor for the first time in thirty years. If the Maine election is a criterion there will not be enough Republicans in the next Congress to make the fight interesting.

In the report of the Wayne county Democratic Convention, held in Goldsboro last Saturday, we read: "The best of harmony prevailed and the claims of all sections and the reasonable views of all elements were given utmost and cordial consideration, in consequence of which a ticket was named that is going to sweep the county with more than the old-time Democratic majority." These words show that the leaders of Wayne's Democracy are alive and wise to the situation, and the glorious result in November will be a monument to their leadership.

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### TRAMP DIES FAR FROM HOME.

Poor Man Tramping on His Way Back to His Home in Richmond Meets With Terrible Disease That Takes Him Away. For Days He Was Without Food Or Water.

A sad picture is presented in the sickness and death of a tramp near Four Oaks a few days ago. The tramp gave his name as Arthur Chester Mann and said that his home was in Richmond, Va., and that he had been South working for the Bell Telephone Company. He admitted that he had done wrong to spend all his money and leave himself helpless. It seems that he was taken sick and decided to try to make his way back home. On reaching the section house about three miles south-west of Four Oaks Saturday, September 3rd, he was forced to give up, and went into the house which was vacant, and lay down on a door which was on the floor. There he lay and suffered all alone for a long while without food or water or medicine. He was found in this condition by Mr. Ransom Allen who reported the matter. A physician from Benson went to see him but it was too late to save him. The case was presented to some people at Benson who bought some clothes for him and a cot to place him on. The men who dressed him say that never before had they seen such a sight as was this poor fellow. His old clothes were almost torn off his body and he was covered with filth. He had had several hemorrhages and the blood was all over him and about him. He died Tuesday night, September 13th. But for the house his remains would have been eaten by the birds of carrion. It is a very sad case and one that appeals to the sympathy of all.

### The Sentiment is Growing.

Office-holders and the friends of office-holders may protest, but sentiment is growing against the fee system in proportion to the amount of information that is being published about the iniquities, inequalities and injustices of the system. The financial problem of the Commonwealth looms large on the horizon now, and we hope that when remedies are suggested by which the financial system may be made more stable and equitable, such suggested cures for the ills of the body politic will include the wiping of the fee system from the government method of Virginia. —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### Not a Good Record.

Davie county after 28 years of Republican rule: Not a single automobile in the county; not a mile of macadam road; only two high schools, public bridge across Cedar Creek near Farmington dangerous to public travel (out of repair and without banisters); the bridges across the public roads in Jerusalem township out of fix, and road overseers unable to rebuild them; county commissioners refuse to pay for the necessary lumber; a \$40,000 court house and jail to be paid for in the future. —Coolseemee Journal.

Recently it was stated that cotton had in August of this year "reached 20 cents, the highest price since the war." This is a great mistake. In 1866 cotton reached 52 cents; in 1867, it was 36 cents; in 1868, 33 cents; 1869, 35 cents; 1870, 25 1/2 cents; 1871, 21 1/4 cents; 1872, 27 1/2 cents; 1873, 21 3/4 cents. In 1865 cotton sold as high as \$1.20 and as low as 35 cents. —News and Observer.

There have been 170,363 cases of cholera and 77,466 deaths from the epidemic in Russia this year.

Former Gov. W. C. Oates, of Alabama, died last week in Montgomery. He served fourteen years in Congress.

Business failures in the United States were 173 for the week ending September 8, against 179 last week and 191 for the corresponding week in 1909; 191 in 1908; 172 in 1907, and 164 in 1906.

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J. E. Johnson 30, 12 1/2, 11 1/4, 8 1/2, 8 1/2.  
W. H. Pittman 25, 20, 15 1/2, 15, 13, 12, 10 1/4, 10, 8.  
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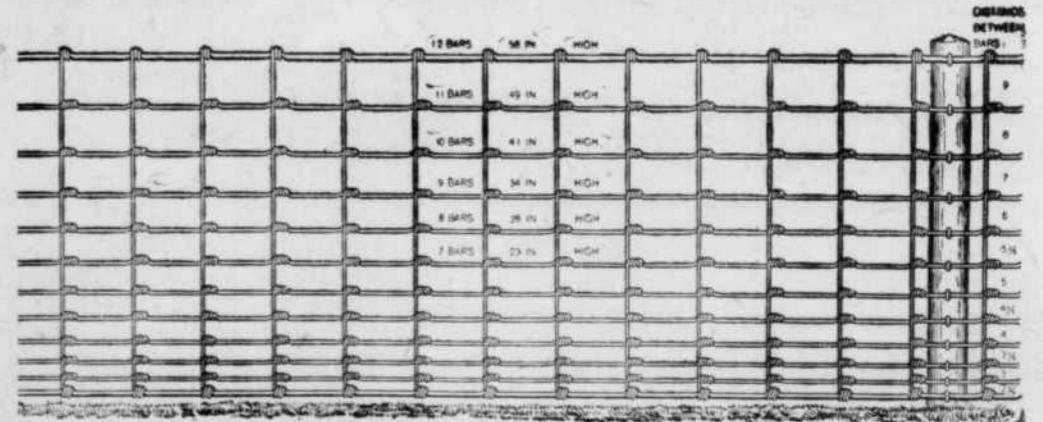
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