

# The Smithfield Herald

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### A STATE LEGALIZED PRIMARY.

It is surprising that North Carolina has been so slow in passing a law for a state legalized primary. It is still more surprising that so little is being said about such a law at Raleigh now. Unless our legislature takes hold of this matter soon we fear nothing will be done about it at this session. Well do we remember some conventions held in the State last year and some promises of a legalized primary made to the voters to get them to overlook the outrages committed in these conventions. County primaries are a little better than nothing but are by no means what is wanted. Passing County Primary Laws for counties here and there will not settle the matter. It is said that no matter of this kind is ever fully settled until it is settled right. The county laws are objectionable. They allow too much opportunity to professional politicians. What we want and need is a state wide primary law for all parties on the same day and governed by strict rules like regular elections. This will satisfy the people and will be what we have needed for a long time. We hope our legislators will do this before they leave Raleigh.

### THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY.

The meeting held in Raleigh Tuesday to consider the Central Highway across the state, from the sea to the mountains, adopted a bill and appointed a committee to secure the passage of an act by the Legislature providing for said highway. A Board of Trustees is to be named in the Act and Mayor James A. Wellons, of Smithfield, was named as the member from Johnston.

The bill provides that the Central Highway shall extend through the counties of Carteret, Craven, Lenoir, Wayne, Johnston, Wake, Durham, Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Davidson, Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Burke, McDowell, Buncombe, and Madison. The roads now existing are to be used as nearly as practicable. The Highway Division of the North Carolina Geological and Economical Survey is charged with selecting and designating the route, and to report it to a board of trustees named in the bill, also to the County Commissioners of each county. The county Commissioners are empowered to appropriate of the general county funds a sum not exceeding \$50 a mile for each mile of the highway in a county and each city is authorized to appropriate out of its general funds not exceeding \$100, and for each one thousand population in excess of the first thousand \$25. The money from each county or town or city is to be expended in the county or town or city under the authority of their own officials. The board of commissioners was authorized to use the road force of their counties on the central highway as may be deemed practicable.

The roads meeting, held in Raleigh Tuesday to consider the Central Highway was largely attended by Johnston county people. The following from Smithfield and Smithfield township attended the meeting: James A. Wellons, W. D. Avera, J. W. Stephenson, J. H. Kirkman, H. L. Skinner, H. D. Ellington, R. R. Holt, J. H. B. Tomlinson, Ed. F. Ward, F. H. Brooks, Robert Wellons, and Dr. A. H. Rose.

The Kent Bill prohibiting the sale of near-beer in this State passed the Senate Tuesday night and was sent to the House for concurrence in some minor amendments. This measure will be hailed with delight by the people of the entire State. The near-beer business had very few friends outside of those who deal in the vile stuff.

Mr. Taft is glad for once that there are so many Democrats in the House. Had it not been for the Democrats voting for the Canadian Reciprocity measure it would have failed. More Republicans voted against the proposition than for it. All the North Carolina Democrats voted for the measure except Mr. Webb. Senator Simmons opposes it.

The A. S. Johnston Manufacturing Company was incorporated this week by the Secretary of State. A full write up of this enterprise will appear in our next issue.

### POLENTA NEWS.

To their already large plant the Farming and Mercantile Co. have just installed a brand new boiler and engine, and they are now prepared to do work in short order.

The farmers are getting busy preparing for another crop.

One day last week Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Edmundson celebrated their birthday. A number of friends were invited in to enjoy the day with them. In the crowd were five persons whose age was above eighty, all of them at the present time enjoying fair health. The Edmundson home is one of hospitality, and it goes without saying all present enjoyed the occasion.

Messrs. J. E. Jones and W. D. Tomlinson will represent Cleveland township at the March term of Court. They are the jurors drawn from this neighborhood.

Rev. Mr. Horrell, the pastor, preached a fine sermon to a large crowd at Shiloh last Sunday.

Little Charlie Coats was taken violently ill last Sunday, and suffered intensely for a while, and is still confined to his bed, but is on the mend.

At an early date the Polenta Public School will give an entertainment.

One of our bachelors seems pretty fond of talking on the phone, especially in such the case after the day's work is done and she is at leisure. It is nothing strange after supper to see him saunter up to the phone and remain there for half an hour or so, talking to an eager listener, one of the fair sex.

Little Samuel Booker has been quite sick but is improving.

Mr. R. E. Massengill is all smiles. It is a ten pound boy, and is doing well, and in time will be a strong Democrat.

The Farming and Mercantile Co. are receiving their spring goods. They carry a large stock of general merchandise. One can find almost anything wanted at their store.

He got a letter the other day—it was from a girl—he wore a broad smile, but so fearful was he that some one might get a glimpse at it, after perusing it he tore it into shreds. The old bachelor is sly, but is generally caught up with.

Preaching at Elizabeth next Sunday morning by the pastor.

Mr. J. C. Holt has made considerable improvement on his residence recently. **TYPO.**

On last Sunday afternoon at the bride's home in Rocky Mount, Mr. W. L. Williams, of this place, and Miss Maggie Bullock were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. G. Hall. They came to Smithfield Monday and are boarding with Mrs. Dora Kirkman. They are popular young people and have the best wishes of their many friends for a long life of happiness. Mr. Williams has a good position here as manager of the Smithfield Garage and Machine Company.

Senator Barbour yesterday introduced a bill to amend and consolidate the charter of the town of Smithfield.

### Exploding Boiler Kills Two.

Ingalton, Ill., Feb. 14.—Two men were killed and a third fatally injured by the explosion of a locomotive on the Chicago, Great Western railroad to-day. The fireman and brakeman met death and the engineer will die.

Feminine Voter (at a meeting)—I'm not prejudiced at all. I'm going with a perfectly open and unbiased mind to listen to what I'm convinced is pure rubbish!—Black and White.

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### FOR AGED PEOPLE.

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We have a safe, dependable and altogether ideal remedy that is particularly adapted to the requirements of aged people and persons of weak constitutions who suffer from constipation or other bowel disorders. We are so certain that it will relieve these complaints and give absolute satisfaction in every particular that we offer it with our personal guarantee that it shall cost the user nothing if it fails to substantiate our claims. This remedy is called Rexall Orderlies.

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### CALENDARS FREE.

I have just received a large lot of pretty calendars, advertising the New Home sewing machine. Call at The Herald office if you want one.

J. M. BEATY.

Smithfield, N. C.

### FOR SALE—THREE THOUSAND

Dewberry plants, price one cent each. Also three fresh milch cows, one with 1 1/4 pound butter record. C. S. POWELL, Smithfield, R. F. D. No. 2.

### LEARN AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS.

Take a thirty days Practical course in our well equipped Machine Shops and learn the Automobile business, and accept good positions. CHARLOTTE AUTO SCHOOL, Charlotte, N. C.

### FOR SALE, GOOD 5 ROOM HOUSE,

with 3/4 acre lot all under good fence, near Baptist Parsonage. Good water, good outhouses. Act quick or you will miss a bargain. Easy terms. WILLIE A. JONES, Clayton, N. C.

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### EATING AND ADVERTISING.

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### Fresh Groceries.

Let us supply you with fresh groceries of all kinds. We will also buy all lines of country produce and give the highest market prices.

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SMITHFIELD, N. C.

# IN THE SPRING

## A Farmer's Fancy Turns To Thoughts of GUANO

We have it in all analysis and in the best known brands. IT is the pure old STINKING ARTICLE; its ODOR is so strong that the TOWN COMMISSIONERS will not allow us to store IT down town. We can supply you with any quantity at any time, and deliver IT at any PLACE possible to be reached by WAGON or RAILROAD TRAIN. This also applies to COTTON-SEED MEAL, SODA, POTASH, ACID, KALINITE and TOP DRESSING. We make our own prices, and we make our own guarantees; we stand in our own SHOES, and we stand behind the GOODS we sell.

## MULES AND HORSES BUGGIES, WAGONS AND HARNESS

WE visit the STOCK markets regularly and WE have, at all times, several MULES and HORSES on hand from which YOU can make a selection. WE carry the best line of WAGONS and BUGGIES to be found in the STATE. WE defy all competitors as to prices and QUALITY. WE shall be pleased to quote you on these goods.

## Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Notions, Etc.

Quietly, without saying much about it, WE have put in one of the most UP-TO-DATE stocks of the above goods to be found in SMITHFIELD. Heretofore WE have catered exclusively to the needs of the farmer in the line of MULES, WAGONS, GUANO, PROVISIONS and FEED STUFF. WE have determined to enlarge our business and cater to the needs of his WIFE. SHE can find in OUR STORE EVERYTHING she needs; all kinds of DRY GOODS, SHOES and NOTIONS. We are sole agents in Smithfield for the ED V. PRICE TAILOR-MADE CLOTHES. We guarantee to save you 25 per cent on your clothing bill. EXAMINE our STOCK and get our prices. Remember we sell on credit or for cash.

## BEAR IN MIND THESE STRONG FACTS

We have been engaged in this business for several years; we have accumulated some little capital and more experience; we know what our trade wants; we know how to buy, and we have determined to make the year 1911 the BANNER YEAR of our business. We propose to do this by treating all our customers in such a manner that they will not want to trade anywhere else than in our stores. We have TWO LARGE STORES and several STORAGE HOUSES. We are well equipped to handle an enormous business. We have our clerks under contract for the year; we are forced to sell goods, and we are going to sell them. We understand when we say that we are going to sell them, that we must offer such inducements as to cause customers to buy them. We are prepared to offer those INDUCEMENTS.

Come to see us, look at our STOCK, get our PRICES. If you need the goods and wish to buy them, we will sell them to you for cash or ON CREDIT, payable NEXT FALL, or on some EASY PAYMENT PLAN. We are out for business.

OUR MOTTO is "BUY CHEAPER and SELL CHEAPER." With our resources and EXPERIENCE we are in a position to buy cheaply, and we are going to give our customers the BENEFIT of that fact. We are ready, at all times, to pay the highest cash price for COTTON and all kinds COUNTRY PRODUCE. Do not sell until you see us.

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