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## SEA-TO-MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY

### GOOD ROADS MEETING IN SMITHFIELD MAY 12.

The Committee of Inspection to be Here.—Dr. Pratt and Mr. Varner To Make Addresses.

The Committee having in charge the establishing of the route of the Central Highway, provided in an act of the recent legislature, will inspect the proposed route from Morehead to Raleigh next week. The party, consisting of eight or ten persons, will travel over the route in automobiles, beginning at Morehead City next Monday. They will be at New Bern Tuesday, at Kinston Wednesday, at Goldsboro Thursday and Friday at Smithfield, winding up the trip at Raleigh Saturday. The chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. H. B. Varner, of Lexington, and the secretary, Mr. James A. Wellons, of Smithfield, will be in the party and will make an address at each place. Mr. Varner, one of the most enthusiastic road men in the state, will also make an address.

These gentlemen will be at Smithfield Friday, May 12th, and it is the purpose of our people to give them a hearty welcome. Not only the people of Smithfield, but the people of the entire county, should be interested in this laudable enterprise. It is one of the first real steps towards getting better roads for this section, and its ultimate success in its effect on Johnston county roads will depend largely upon the interest shown by our people in the meeting next Friday. Let us make it another great Road Day for Johnston county, eclipsing in numbers and interest the great Road Day held here on the sixth day of last February, when more than five hundred people came from all sections of the county to show that they were interested in better roads.

### BIBLE AND FLAG PRESENTATION.

#### Good Exercises At Thanksgiving Last Friday.

The Wilson's Mills Council of the Junior Order presented the Thanksgiving School in Oneals township a flag and Bible on Friday last, when the commencement exercises of the school were also held. The exercises were very interesting and attracted a great crowd of people. The flag was presented to the school by Mr. D. O. Uzzle, of Wilson's Mills, and was received by Mr. W. A. Edgerton, of Selma. The Bible was presented by Mr. T. C. Davis, of Wilson's Mills, and was received by Mr. W. A. Edgerton, of Selma. The Bible was presented by Mr. T. C. Davis, of Wilson's Mills, and was received by Mr. W. S. Earp. The address on the objects of the Junior Order was made by Mr. S. S. Holt, of Smithfield. Music was furnished by Kenly Concert Band.

After a nice dinner had been served to the great crowd present, the educational address was delivered by Supt. L. T. Royall.

### Earth-Worms.

As tillers of the soil earth-worms constitute a great army. It is estimated that there are 54,000 worms in each acre of garden ground, and about half that number in cornfields. Nine burrows or worm-holes are usually found in two square feet of garden soil. It is further computed that in all cultivated lands in which worms are able to live no less than ten tons of earth are brought to the surface in each acre by the worms each year. Worm burrows are frequently found extending for five or six feet down below the surface. Since they feed largely upon vegetable matter and since various acids, which are called humic, are generated by the digestion of such matter, worms must affect the quality of the soil to that extent, for the humic acids play a far more important part in the disintegration of rocks and the production of proper soil than does carbonic acid, itself known to be a powerful agent. The tillage of worms is thus chemical as well as mechanical in its effect upon the soil.—Louisville Courier Journal.

## COMMENCEMENT AT MICRO.

Programme of Micro Public School in Connection With Junior Order, Exercises by Smithfield Council, No. 102, May 11, 1911.—Will Begin Promptly at 10:30 A. M.

Song, "America," by School. Presentation of Bible, Supt. L. T. Royall, of Smithfield.

Presentation of Flag, Mr. James D. Parker, of Smithfield.

Flag Received, Prof. A. Vermont. Flag Drill, thirteen young ladies.

Thursday, P. M.

Song, "Carolina," by School.

The Micro School and Introduction of Speaker, Mr. Geo. F. Woodard, of Princeton.

Educational Address, Prof. M. T. Edgerton, of Fremont.

Music, by Kenly Concert Band.

Ball game at 4:00 P. M., Princeton vs. Micro.

Exercises by the students of the school in the evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Everybody invited to come and bring a well filled basket.

### The Conference At Jacksonville.

The Fourteenth annual session of the Conference for Education in the South met this year at Jacksonville, Florida, April 19, 20 and 21. North Carolina was well represented, better than most of the twenty-two States that sent delegates.

In this conference, leading educators, professional and business men and women met to discuss problems of education in the Southern States.

In many respects this was a great meeting. As the representatives came in, each one registered and received a badge which gave him admittance to all the meetings free of charge.

Among the subjects discussed the first day were the following: "Conditions of Farm Life in Some Southern States;" "The Re-direction of Education for Rural Communities;" "The Beginnings of Rural Co-operation in America."

On the second day the following subjects were discussed: "The Education of the Negro;" "Rural Life in Scandinavian Countries;" and "Some Results of the Application of the Newer Ideals in Education;" which was illustrated by Mr. O. H. Benson, Assistant in Boys' Demonstration Work, U. S. Department of Education.

The general subjects for the third day were: "The Rural School and Rural Sanitation," and "The Church and Country Life." Addresses were delivered also on the following subjects: "The Child in the Making," "Progress of Sanitation in Florida," and "The Need of a Higher Standard of Education for Young Men Entering Business in the South."

These are a few of the subjects that were discussed in full. During intermission there was a great opportunity to talk with those from other states. In this way valuable information could be obtained; for there were representatives from many places. All believing that the largest factor in the production of the best results in the right education of all the people for the duties and responsibilities of industrial and religious life.

In selecting Jacksonville as its place of meeting, the Conference made no mistake. All who attended the meeting received a most hospitable welcome, and enjoyed their opportunity of seeing the Land of Flowers. A free trip was given to St. Augustine to all who wished to go. The general sessions of the Conference were held in the Ashley Street Auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 3,500. Departmental Meetings and Round Table Conferences were held in smaller auditoriums of the city.

The able addresses delivered at this Conference made an interesting program and the influence will be great.

L. T. ROYALL.

### Approaching Marriage.

Cards have been received by friends as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Effie Emily, to Mr. Henry Harlan Smith, Sunday afternoon, May the fourteenth, at two-thirty o'clock, Pisgah Baptist Church.

## MR. W. C. NEWLAND IN THE RACE

### CALDWELL COUNTY MAN MAKING FIGHT FOR GOVERNOR.

Hon. Locke Craig Not to Have Field All to Himself.—C. W. Tillett a Possible Candidate.

Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, was in the city today enroute to Franklin county, where tomorrow he will make an educational address.

Mr. Newland says he is still in the race for governor. He, too, is a mountain man and will likely be the only opponent of Hon. Locke Craig. As president of the Senate, the lieutenant governor added other friends to his long list and his admirers say that he will be under the ropes at the finish.

Another possible candidate for governor next year is Mr. C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte, who is a close personal and political friend to Governor Kitchin. Mr. Tillett, however, has not sought the office, and it is probable that the contest will be between the two gentlemen from the tall peaks.—Raleigh Times, May 2.

### WENDELL FOR EDUCATION.

Votes \$10,000 for Graded School Purposes—Only Three Voted Against—Town Officials Elected.

Wendell, N. C., May 2.—Yesterday was a day of unusual interest, not only to the people of Wendell, but to all those in the vicinity around Wendell as well. There was held at the mayor's office two elections at one time and all during the day nothing but the best of feeling towards each other and the best interest towards the town and community prevailed. On April 27th the citizens of Wendell came together in the largest town primary we ever held and nominated for mayor R. H. Biggs; for town commissioners, R. B. Whitely, M. A. Griffin, C. S. Hobgood, M. F. Hales and B. D. Honeycutt, and for town constable, B. K. Horton, which ticket was elected yesterday without any opposition. The election, however, that the people were most interested in, was: "Shall Wendell graded school district issue \$10,000 of thirty year six per cent bonds to build and equip a graded school building?" In this election there were 114 votes cast, 110 for school bonds and only three against school bonds. The results on this election are indeed very gratifying to us all, inasmuch as it plainly demonstrated the fact that when the people of Wendell get an opportunity to strengthen her education sentiment and facilities, they go in on solid phalanx for the right thing.—Raleigh Times.

### KILLING RATS.

Mr. D. E. Massengill, who lives near Four Oaks, was in town yesterday and gave this office a pleasant call. He reported that Mr. Rufus Stanley killed forty-four rats last week at his barn and stables. The rats were getting too numerous around his place, so he got a spring trap and set it in one of the stables. One night just about dark, his children heard a rat squealing at the stables. Mr. Stanley took a lantern and went out to see what had happened to his ratship. On entering the stable he saw a large number of rats, perhaps fifty, blinded by the light, seeking to escape. One was in the trap, which was soon disposed of and the trap set again. After supper he took his lantern, and also a stick, and went out to see how matters were going. The rats had again congregated in the stable to eat the corn in the feed box, and before they could escape he killed two or three of them with the stick. Seeing how his light blinded the rodents, an idea came to him that this was the best way to get rid of them. So he armed himself with a brush (on the order of a "brush-broom") and visited the stable and barn for several nights carrying his lighted lantern with him. In this way he killed forty-four rats in one week. When Mr. Stanley would enter with the light, the rats would be so badly blinded that before they could find their way out several would meet death. This is a good way to get rid of them.

## WOMAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

### MET HER DEATH AT THE WELL SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Amanda Bass, of Bentonsville, Suddenly Called to Enter Into The Life Beyond.

Mrs. Amanda Bass, wife of Mr. John Bass, was killed by lightning while drawing water at her home in Bentonsville township Sunday afternoon. It occurred about five o'clock. While a thunderstorm was in progress Mrs. Bass went out to the well to draw some water using the old-fashion pole and well sweep, the pole in this instance being a chain. The bolt of electricity struck a tree near the well and is supposed to have jumped from this to the well chain, running down the chain to Mrs. Bass. The lightning tore one of her shoes off. Death was instantaneous.

Mrs. Bass was between fifty and sixty years of age and was a good neighbor and a Christian woman, having been a member of Mill Creek church for many years. She leaves a husband and several children, besides a host of friends, to mourn their loss.

### NINE ARE KILLED IN SMASH-UP.

Teachers' Excursion Train Jumps From Track and Bodies Burn In Cars. Fifteen Seriously Hurt.

Easton, Pa., April 29.—A Delaware, Luckawanna and Western excursion train, carrying 165 members of the Utica Teachers' Association to Washington for the spring holidays, swerved from the track one-half mile south of Martins Creek, N. J., at 3:10 o'clock this afternoon.

Four of the five coaches rolled into a gully to the east of the track, caught fire from the gas tanks, and were destroyed in half an hour.

Seven women teachers were imprisoned in the cars and burned to death.

Conductor Charles Pearson, of Trenton, N. J., and Miss Eleanor Rutherford, of Utica, died tonight in the Easton Hospital.

Fifteen were injured seriously, thirteen of them young women teachers, the others being the fireman, George W. Parsons, of Lambertville, N. J., and Engineer W. R. Vanoy, of Trenton. All of these are in the Easton Hospital.

Easton, Pa., May 1.—The death list from the wreck of the teachers' special at Martin's creek yesterday numbers 12. The bodies that are still unidentified will be shipped to Utica tomorrow. All the injured are in the Easton hospitals.

### NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

Clayton, May 3.—Mr. E. R. Gulley was in town Tuesday on business.

Clayton came very near having a disastrous fire Monday night. The boiler room and shaving house at the Jno. A. Vinson planing mills caught fire and burned up, the fire started between 10 and 11 o'clock and everybody most was in bed but the fire alarm soon brought help and by good work the rest of the business was saved.

Mr. I. C. Poole was in town yesterday on business.

Chief of Police Johnson took a blind tiger down to Smithfield Monday.

Quiet a crowd went to Raleigh today to see A. and M. and V. P. I. play ball.

Mrs. D. L. Barnes returned home from Raleigh yesterday.

The town election passed off quietly yesterday. Our old mayor was re-elected. For Aldermen, Dr. J. J. Young and A. Sam White of the old officers and E. L. O'Neill, C. W. Horne and C. M. Thomas are the new ones.

At the meeting of the Board last night Mr. Allison Johnson was re-elected Chief of Police and D. L. Barbour was re-elected City Clerk.

The Library of the Clayton Graded School will be open each Saturday afternoon, from 4:30 to 5:00 o'clock. Miss Mae Gulley is librarian. It is hoped that the students will use this opportunity to read.

Cork, if sunk 200 feet deep in the ocean, will not rise, on account of the pressure of the water.

## HON. ASHLEY HORNE A MEMBER.

Governor Kitchin Has Made Public The Names of the Members of The Commission to Erect the New State Building.

Governor Kitchin has made public his appointments for the state building commission to have in hand the erection of the quarter of a million-dollar fireproof state administration building that the recent legislature provided bonds for. The commissioners are Ashley Horne, Clayton; Gen. J. S. Carr, Durham; J. A. Long, Roxboro; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; A. S. Roscoe, Windsor; W. L. Parson, Rockingham, and William Springer, Wilmington. The commission is to have entire control of the location and erection of the building along with the selection of the plans. The sense of the legislature seemed to be that the building should be at the southwest corner of capitol square. The corner lot there is owned by the state, and the adjacent property, the Woman's club building and another residence lot adjoining the Raney library will have to be purchased to make the necessary room for the building.

### A Senate Without a Boss.

For the first time since the Civil War the United States has no real boss, writes Robert Wickliffe Woolley in "Success Magazine." Jacob H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, may imagine himself such because he is chairman of the Republican Caucus, or Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania, may claim the title as an apapanage of the chairmanship of the great Committee on Finance; but the fact is that the real say-so is vested in neither the regular Republicans nor the regular Democrats. A select but potent minority composed of the Progressives in both parties wields the scepter, and all titles which have heretofore been indicative of power are now little more than mere matters of form.

This does not necessarily mean that the people rule in what we are fond of calling the greatest deliberative body in the world; but it does mean that they are getting a foothold where for years their rights and demands were scoffed at, and that a new order of things is at hand.

There came into being in 1861 a Senate oligarchy which was self-perpetuating down to March 4th last. The interests of the favored few of the great corporations were looked after practically to the exclusion of those of the masses of our people. We of this generation have a habit of referring to Nelson W. Aldrich as the representative and advocate of the chosen few. As a matter of fact he was only the successor of a number of distinguished statesmen, such as Morrill, Sherman and Blaine, who honestly did not know what it was to experience a heart throb for the masses. Aldrich probably had as remarkable a career as any man who ever entered the United States Senate. Not in the least the orator that Clay, Webster or Calhoun was, nor yet so brilliant as was Blaine or Sumner, he was a business statesman who accomplished more in the way of getting legislation for which he fought than any man in the history of this government. His passing, therefore, is worthy of more than ordinary note, and, because of his consistent devotion to special privilege, should be hailed with thanksgiving by those who sincerely believe in fair play and the rule of the people.—Success Magazine, May, 1911.

### ROCKEFELLER MAKES GIFT.

Check for \$180,000 Sent to the Baptist Missionary Union.

Boston, April 28.—A check for \$180,000 from John D. Rockefeller has been received by Charles W. Perkins, treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union. It is customary for Mr. Rockefeller to make the union a big gift every year, and he bases the amount on a report sent to him by its treasurer as to the revenues from all sources and what must be expended during the coming year.

Ostrich feathers valued at \$8,000, 945 have been exported from the Cape of Good Hope in one year.

## ALL CROPS LATE THIS YEAR

### SLIGHT INCREASE IN ACREAGE IN COTTON AND CORN.

Tobacco Acreage Decrease of Eight Per Cent. Apple Crop Good In West.

Raleigh, May 2.—Commissioner of Agriculture, W. A. Graham today made public the department's crop estimate for the present year. The result is the compilation of figures gathered by the fertilizer inspectors of the department, stationed in each Congressional district. An increase in the acreage planted in cotton of about eight per cent is made; of corn five per cent; and decrease in the tobacco acreage of eight per cent. There is reported a large increase in the amount of fertilizer used on corn lands. A slight increase in the acreage of wheat is reported, while the general condition of the crops is reported about the same as last year.

In this connection it is noteworthy to observe that last year the crops were considered quite late, but when harvests came the yield was the largest in the history of the State. With favorable weather conditions this year's crop should exceed that of last year, especially in corn and cotton yields. The inspectors report considerable damage to fruits from frosts in all sections. The apple crop of the extreme west, however, is believed to be good.—E. B. Jeffers, in Greensboro News.

### In The Recorder's Court.

At Tuesday's session of the Recorder's Court the following cases were disposed of:

State vs W. D. Rains, charged with false pretense. Probable cause being found he was bound over to the Superior Court in a bond of \$200. Under the law establishing the court such a case as this is not in its final jurisdiction.

State vs Zeke Sanders, perjury, being a case in which a bench warrant was issued for the defendant for false swearing as alleged in the warrant in the Hyman Fort liquor case which was before the court last week. This being a felony and not in the final jurisdiction of the court counsel for defendant waived examination and the defendant was bound over to the September term of the Superior Court in the sum of \$200.

State vs Jane Holt, Selling liquor. Defendant was found guilty and adjudged to pay a fine of \$25 and all costs of the action, and show cause for six months that she has been of good behavior.

State vs Roland Raynor, Charged with stealing 75 cents from Luther Howell. Defendant plead guilty. Being a young negro only 10 years old the court suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs, provided his mother give him a good thrashing which was administered in the jail yard upon the adjournment of court.

Two cases against Offie Tyson, one charging him with trespass, and the other with assault with deadly weapon, were continued on account of the absence of witnesses.

The civil docket was taken up and in the case of The Ellington Buggy Co., vs Preston Allen, judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff.

### SELMA NEWS.

Selma, May 4.—Our election for town officers passed off very quietly—only one small scrap.

Mr. John A. Mitchener was elected Mayor and Messrs. M. C. Winston, C. A. Corbett, N. E. Edgerton and R. B. Carrington were elected Commissioners.

Drs. Noble & Noble will open an office next door to the bank in a few days.

Mr. Jesse E. Owen, a former citizen of Selma, was in town Tuesday on business. Mr. Owen lived for some years in Durham, where he "made good;" but, thinking he could do better in Wendell, has moved there, where he is in business. He married a daughter of Mr. Henry Gerald, of the Micro section.

The little son of Mr. Dempsey Morris, who was so terribly injured a week or more ago, is, we hear, doing very well.