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## THE FARM LOAN BANK.

The Farm Loan Bank, which will be for the people of North Carolina's benefit, has been located at Columbia, S. C. It will be only a few weeks until it will be in working order, so that those who want to borrow money can do so. But before any person of any community can get money from the Farm Loan Bank a local association must be organized, constituted by those who want to borrow. For this purpose a meeting will be held in the Court House in Smithfield next Monday, January 8, at 12 o'clock. Mr. W. R. Camp, of Raleigh, will be here to explain the workings of the system. All the citizens of Johnston County who are interested should be present at this meeting next Monday.

## ADDING SHIPS TO THE NAVY.

The navy's building plans for 1918 as suggested by Secretary Daniels, and recommended by the General Board, provides for the construction of four battleships, three battle cruisers, four scout cruisers, twenty destroyers, nine fleet submarines, eighteen coast submarines, one fuel ship, one transport, one destroyer tender, one fleet submarine tender and one gunboat. It seems to be the attitude of the House Committee to carry out this program, and if it is carried out, the Navy will have the following vessels in commission in 1921: First line battleships, 27; battle cruisers, 6; second line battleships, 25; armored cruisers, 9; scout cruisers, 13; first-class cruisers, 5; second class cruisers, 3; third-class cruisers, 10; destroyers, 108; fleet submarines, 12; coast submarines, 130; monitors, 6; gunboats, 18; supply ships, 4; fuel ships, 15; transports, 5; torpedo vessels, 6; special types, 8; and ammunition ships, 2.

## GIVING ONE'S LIFE.

Within the past few weeks several of the young men who went to the border last Fall as members of the National Guard have died of pneumonia. There is no war on between this country and a foreign foe. None of our boys have fallen on the battle line, but they have in a true sense given their lives for their country. They are not acclaimed as heroes, neither is there a great and grand funeral given them. Still they have died for their country.

Down in South Carolina, not far from Columbia, there is a home made desolate because the soldier boy was brought home just before Christmas a corpse. He was one of six sons. His mother did not want him to go to the border. But he begged her and told her that some mothers had given their only son to go and be ready to serve his country, while she had five others. His mother finally consented. He died of pneumonia. His mother is sad, but not so much so as if her son had shirked a duty.

South Carolina gave another son the week before Christmas. This time the gifted Robert Gonzales, the famous paragrapher on the Columbia State. He also died of pneumonia. He gave up a fine position on the State and went to the border to serve his country. He was a patriot and died a patriot's death. It is true that he did not fall in the Battle's front leading a valiant charge against the enemy. Nevertheless, he has given his life for his country. He has made the supreme sacrifice. Others have done the same, and while no State funeral has been given them, they are perhaps just as great heroes and deserve as great honor as if they had fallen on the battle line. All honor to them who are willing to serve their country to the uttermost.

Many of the people of this town and community still remember the great lecture given here last winter on "Sour Grapes" by Dr. Edward Amherst Ott. We are glad to announce that he will be here again next Friday night at the Smithfield Opera House. He is without a doubt the greatest lecturer who has ever visited this town and those who missed hearing him a year ago should not miss it this time. The Woman's Club is bringing him and in doing so they are rendering the community a distinct service. A crowded house should greet him Friday night.

## TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Yesterday was the day for making new resolutions. How many of our readers resolved to try to live more economically during this year?

A French railway company has given the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia, an order for 100 heavy freight locomotives. This order will aggregate about \$4,000,000. The same company gave an order a few weeks ago for forty locomotives.

From time to time some one calls the attention of the public to the high cost of office holding. Whether this State of affairs be true or not cuts no figure in lessening the number of office-seekers. Neither do we hear of any resigning their office. If office holding is coming high, who is most responsible? Is it not the office holder himself?

This year has been a great year for the railroads of the United States. However, a smaller mileage was built than in any year since the Civil War except 1915. The mileage built last year totals 1,098, while the record for 1915 shows only 933 miles. The new year opens with rolling stock orders calling for 170,000 freight cars, 2,349 passenger coaches, and 2,923 locomotives.

Since some of our esteemed readers failed to see the notice of the meeting to be held here in the Court House next Monday for the purpose of learning more about the Farm Loan Bank, in a recent issue of The Herald, we are repeating the notice in this issue. In the hustling, bustling, mad rush after the almighty dollar and pleasure there are many who have no time even to read the local paper.

The Legislature will convene in Raleigh tomorrow. A caucus will be held tonight to select the Speaker of the House. There are three active candidates—Gallatin Roberts, of Buncombe; Walter Murphey, of Rowan, and Henry F. Page, of Moore. The gentleman from Rowan seems to be in the lead. He was speaker of the extra term of the Legislature a few years ago and proved to be a fine presiding officer.

The State Highway Commission will meet in Raleigh on Monday, January 8, to consider plans for the new year's work. One of the things that the Commission will do will be to ask the Legislature to pass a measure to provide for the maintenance of the roads already constructed in the State. Unless this is done, it is said, North Carolina will not be able to claim the \$114,000 of the Federal Road Fund already appropriated among the counties of the State.

## M. E. Baracas Entertain.

Last Wednesday evening, the Baracas Class of the Methodist Sunday school entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hood.

The house was lavishly decorated in holly and mistletoe, with the brilliant tints of the poinsettia appearing here and there.

The guests, about fifty in number, were greeted at the front door by Miss Roberta Spiers and Mr. Paul Eason, and the punch bowl, filled with delicious frappe, was in charge of Miss Eula Parrish and Mr. Walter Rand.

Fishing was the first occupation suggested, and soon the dexterous fishermen were drawing from the improvised pond some most amazing catches. Chief among these were the Christmas horns, which soon filled the house with their own peculiar music.

Tables of games were placed in the spacious drawing room, while the walls held two unique and original contests, one concealing in skillful anagram, the names of the Baracas members, while the other dealt in eggs—"exclusive" and "exaggerated"—and all served "excellently." In both these contests Miss Bettie Watson was the winner, and the prize was presented to her.

Miss Nell Pickens then gave several delightful readings, the subjects being appropriate to the occasion and the season.

At the close of the evening a dainty supper was served by Miss Virginia Puckett and Miss Eula Parrish.

The world's highest powered motorship has been built in Italy for the Brazilian Navy, its oil motors developing 6,400-horsepower.

A North Dakota jeweler has built a minute electric motor just such as a flea circus would find useful for operating its trolley cars. Its total length is about five-sixteenths of an inch and its total weight is less than a grain.

Hear the noted Dr. Ott at the Opera House Friday night. General admission: Adults 50 cents; children 25 cents.

## Waste Paper.

There is an interesting crusade now under way to induce people to save waste paper. Numerous articles are printed pointing out how profligate and reckless it is to neglect the paper that comes into the average household in a hundred different ways, and the house-wife is urged to treasure it up not only as having a cash value for herself, but because it can be utilized to augment the constantly diminishing supplies that come from the mills. As an impressive illustration of the value of such economy it is stated that the Pennsylvania Railroad receives \$25,000 a year from the sale of its waste paper. Other big corporations are said to be equally provident in this line. School children are adjured to cultivate thrift by gathering all the newspapers, circulars, magazines, handbills and other scraps that come to their houses or litter the streets.

This is an excellent movement from many standpoints, but it would gather momentum if some definite information could be given as to how these accumulations of paper could be disposed of profitably. Where old newspapers are bundled up the Salvation Army is willing to collect them and sell them for furthering its own work. But how is the average household to rid itself of the rest of the rubbish that grows with such rapidity? The junk man scorns it. He apparently is oblivious to the decreasing supplies of white paper. He may take old magazines, but no miscellaneous trash for him. So the carefully saved paper grows until it becomes a nuisance and then goes into the receptacle placed in the street for the official city collector. Thereafter its fate is uncertain.

There should be some plan devised for providing an incentive for this really desirable economy. In Washington the school children are collecting old papers and selling them to secure money for a playground fund. In a month they sold over 200,000 pounds thus gathered. Some such scheme should be adopted here, if a real motive, either selfish or public, could be supplied for carefully hoarding the waste paper which is now too often burned the results would be quite appreciable, both in more material for the mills and in some tangible return to the saver.—Philadelphia Record.

## The Eternal Warfare.

Let us not forget that democracy itself is a spirit, not a political label. Its essence is the idea of equal opportunity for all men, and its chief practical creed is that men are fit for self government if they are trusted and trained. It is a hard gospel but a divine one. Its very nature sets democracy in necessary warfare against some sort of privilege. When Jefferson took it to his heart, the privilege was then in the shape of stupid kings and illiberal class ideas and a vast social injustice and indifference; and the old philosopher and friend of man lined up his hosts against that form of privilege in such solid phalanx that the strength of that host has come on down the generations and is inspiring men today to form new lines of battle against new shapes of privilege. For the benefit of the faint-hearted it can be justly claimed that it has to its credit a splendid tale of service to society. Sectarian fury has gone out of our life by reason of it. It has abolished legal slavery, enlarged manhood suffrage, lessened much social injustice, preserved the form of union, conquered wildernesses, and made itself to all the world the symbol for wealth and prosperity. Under the probation of its greatest doctrine of individual freedom there has been born new masters in politics and new forms of danger in wrong-doing, and this new country finds itself called upon to outface, as it will outface, I believe, one of the distinctest moral crises in its life.—Edwin A. Alderman at Reception to Woodrow Wilson, at Norfolk, Va., April 29, 1911.

## SHE CHATTED WITH BURGLAR.

And the Up-to-Date Intruder Gossiped About Psychology as He Worked.

(Chicago Herald.)

As the burglar raised the window Miss Helen Gemmill, daughter of Mr. J. Gemmill, of Wilmette, sat up in bed. It was 4:30 o'clock in the morning.

"Nice evening," said the burglar. "It's morning," said Miss Gemmill. "Are you a regular burglar?"

"Yes, miss."

"Then all I have to do is to sit here and ask questions about yourself and trade while you burgle the room?"

"Yes," said the burglar, "folks expect that ever since they began to put these burglar sketches in vaudeville. With the young, pretty ones, like yourself, we burglars have to discuss the nebular hypothesis and sociology. We can't get near the results that we get out of the old girls. Where is your money?"

"I haven't any. How do you treat the old girls, as you call them?"

"Aw, we just stick pins in their feet and they tell where the money is hid pretty quick? Haven't you got any jewels?"

"No, they are in the safe deposit vault. I see your flash light isn't working well. You will find matches on the bureau. And please tell me—do you think Bacon or Shakespeare wrote the latter's works?"

"I think Spencer wrote them. Isn't there really anything valuable I can take here?"

"I'm sorry; not a thing," said Miss Gemmill.

"Well," said the burglar as he retired through the window, "I'll have to take your word for it, but I certainly wish you were an old girl, because I need the money."

The burglar also entered two other Wilmette homes, but encountered persons awake in both, which caused him to retire.

## Russia and Constantinople.

New York World.

That Russia is to have Constantinople—Tsarigrad, City of Caesar, or the Czar—was arranged in 1915 and has been taken for granted. The timeliness of Premier Trepoff's announcement of the facts most significant.

Rumania, whose only outlet for water trade is the Bosphorus, will not be pleased, but she is in no case to antagonize the one Entente power that can aid her. The Athens palace party, still dreaming of a revived Byzantine Empire under "Constantinople XII," will be angered; but the Venizelists will be less moved. The Turk may be stirred to fresh endeavor, but he is probably doomed in any event; Constantinople will be German or Russian. Many Englishmen still distrust "the Bear that walks like a man;" but they have taken bitter doses since the war began, and will not rebel at a Russian Bosphorus.

On the Continent, interest as great is felt in Trepoff's promise to Poland. A reunited Poland under Russian suzerainty is a fairer offer than a Poland, not reunited, under German rule, for part of which local home rule is promised only if the Polish volunteers satisfy the German staff by their zeal and numbers. But while Poles hope, Germany holds the country.

In Russia the announcement should have great effect in easing the troubles over the high control of the war and in drowning whispers of the Germanophile peace party. Constantinople was the world metropolis more centuries than Rome. Its trade value has diminished with the Suez Canal, but it is still capable of surpassing Petrograd. And it is the warm-water port of the mythical "will" of Peter the Great, in which every Russian believer puts his simple faith.

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The larger part of Mexico consists of an elevated plateau, with mountains on the east and west. This plateau is of volcanic origin.

# Pin-Money Savings For HOLIDAYS

Every year you promise yourself that you are going to save up some money for next Xmas. Do you do it? Most of us do not, or at least we put it off till we have to "stint" ourselves and then do not have enough.

We are now organizing a Pin-Money Club for this purpose, which will start the first Monday in January and continue fifty weeks. By saving

10c. each week you will save - -	\$ 5.00
25c. each week you will save - -	\$12.50
50c. each week you will save - -	\$25.00
\$1.00 each week you will save - -	\$50.00

Ask us about this Club.

It is a great plan to learn to SAVE; it is a great plan to learn to become acquainted with this Bank and our methods—which will do you lots of good in after years; and it is a great plan to have money for NEXT XMAS.

Money that you SAVE that otherwise you would have thrown away. You don't have to stint for it.

You will have this Money and NOT MISS A CENT, and you will enjoy it so much. If you are dependent, you do not have to ask anybody for MONEY for XMAS, and when you spend it, you can say "I am spending my own money." How good it will make you feel.

Come In Now!

## Johnston County Bank & Trust Co.

Smithfield, N. C.

# FREE MONEY On Five Years Time

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We have ONE MILLION DOLLARS at our command, to lend on FARM lands. If you have a farm and need money, we can get it for you on FIVE YEARS time, and on short notice.

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Offices same as formerly occupied by Edward W. Pou.

# I Thank You!

I want to tell the people throughout the County that I appreciate the business given me in 1916, to the highest.

I also want to tell you all that I will be in the same store at the same place the year 1917, so call to see me at The Smithfield Hardware Company.

Yours very truly,

## J. H. Wiggs

Smithfield, N. C.

# Bargains For Merchants Johnston County

Having decided to discontinue handling Shoes—as every Store in town is a Shoe Store—have decided to increase my Furniture Line and cut out Shoes. Therefore, I am offering my entire stock of the well known brands, Roberts Johnson and Rand work Shoes, and W. H. Miles fine Shoes, at first cost; and every pair in my house is new and up-to-date, as I have only been handling Shoes three years.

Needless to say that every pair in my hands is worth 50 cents to \$1.50 more than they were six months ago, as you know condition of the Shoe Market.

# Floyd C. Price

Pine Level, N. C.

## To Our Friends and Patrons

In appreciation of their liberal patronage of the last year, we take great pleasure in extending our very best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

# Creech Drug Co.

D. H. CREECH, Manager,

Smithfield, N. C.

January 1, 1917.