

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

For the next sixty days the eyes of the State will be turned toward Raleigh where our law-makers have gathered to make and unmake the laws we are to live under for the next two years.

The first work of importance of the present General Assembly has been the selection of the presiding officer of the House. For weeks prior to the sitting of the Legislature there is more or less interest in who is to be chosen to be Speaker of the House.

The twenty-three Republican members of the House also got together and caucused as to who should be their leader in the House. They selected John Ray McRary, of Davidson, to be their nominee for Speaker.

Mr. Murphy, who will preside over the destinies of the House, is a seasoned legislator, having served in the House in the Legislatures of 1897, 1899, 1903, 1907, 1913, and was Speaker of the extra session of 1914.

The other officers chosen for the House are as follows:

- Otis P. Shell, of Dunn, Engrossing Clerk.
D. P. Dellinger, Cherryville, Reading Clerk.
Alex Lassiter, of Bertie, Principal Clerk.
J. H. Moring, of Wake, Sergeant at Arms.
E. J. Jenkins, of Granville, assistant. Both the sergeant-at-arms and his assistant are Civil War veterans.

There are 41 Democrats and nine Republicans in the Senate.

Gary's Recipes for Success.

- Judge Gary gives his recipe for success. He says about a young man:
"1. He should be honest, truthful, sincere and serious.
"2. He should believe in and preach and practice the Golden Rule.
"3. He should be strong and healthy, physically and morally.
"4. His habits and mode of living should be temperate and clean and his companions selected with regard to their character and reputation.
"5. He should possess good natural ability and a determination constantly to improve his mind and memory.
"6. He should possess a good education, including particularly the fundamentals, such as mathematics, grammar, spelling, writing, geography and history; and also a technical education concerning the lines he proposes to follow.
"7. He should be studious and thoughtful keeping his mind upon a subject until it is mastered.
"8. He should be conscientious, modest but courageous, energetic, persistent, even-tempered, economical, faithful and loyal to his friends and the interests he represents."—American Magazine.

Editor Bernard Is Eighty.

Editor William H. Bernard, of Wilmington, the founder of the Wilmington Star, the State's oldest daily newspaper, celebrated his eightieth birthday Monday. For many years Maj. Bernard was a great power in North Carolina journalism. He has a host of friends over the State who are glad to hear of his passing his eightieth milestone hale and hearty.

NEW HOPE NOTES.

Mr. Samuel B. Lee, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. F. Lee, has returned to Chapel Hill to resume his studies at the University.

Mr. R. T. Massengill left Monday for Gillams, after spending the holidays at home. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Nathan Massengill, who will also enter school at that place.

Misses Inez Sanders and Jessie Eason left Tuesday for Louisburg to resume their studies in Louisburg Female College.

Mr. Sam Stafford and daughters, of Durham County, spent last week in this section with relatives.

Miss Lola Snead left Saturday for her home in Florida, after spending several days with relatives in this section.

Miss Lizzie Sanders spent last week in this section.

Several from this section attended the Vocal Union at St. John Sunday.

Mr. Harry Lee returned to Falcon Saturday, after spending a few days with relatives in this section.

Mr. Elmer Stanley, of Atlanta, Ga., spent Sunday night in this section.

Mr. Matthew Raynor and family spent Sunday in this section.

Sorry to note that Miss Swannie Johnson is confined to her room with measles.

Mr. Walter Strickland spent a few days in this section last week.

Mr. Ransom Allen and wife, of Mississippi, spent Christmas with his father, Mr. T. B. Allen.

SAMBO.

January 1, 1917.

Less For Bumper Crops.

That the farmer receives less money for his bumper crops than he gets for his lean ones, although the handling of the one involves infinitely more labor than the gathering and marketing of the other, is a statement made by Wm. J. Showalter, a Washington economist, in a paper brought to the attention of the House of Representatives, by Representative Flood of Va., in connection with the high cost of living issue. He shows how the farmers of the world received a billion dollars less for their bumper grain crop in 1912 than they got for the lean one of 1911, how those of the United States received \$172,000,000 less for their bumper corn crop of 1912 than for their lean one of 1911, and how the wheat growers got \$64,000,000 less for their bumper wheat crop of 1906 than they did for their lean one of 1907.

"While Congress is considering the high cost of living from the standpoint of the city consumer," says Mr. Showalter, "it might also consider the high cost of universal bumper crops to the farmers who produce them. A study of the statistics of the Department of Agriculture will show that bumper crops, with all the extra labor they involve, bring the farmers shorter returns than the lean ones.
"All the world understands, of course, the law of supply and demand, and knows that big crops mean lower per bushel prices. But to take both world-wide, all-crop statistics and national single-crop statistics to find that without exception the bumper crops bring less money in the aggregate to the farmer than the very lean one is to disclose a condition in the economics of food production that is at once surprising and important."—Indiana Farmer.

FOUR OAKS, ROUTE NO. 3.

Miss Randall, of Asheville, arrived Sunday to take charge of the primary department of Parker school. She takes the place formerly held by Miss Crumpler, who resigned on account of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hall, of Benson, spent Sunday with Mr. Hall's son, Mr. C. F. Hall.

Worth, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, was attacked and bitten seriously by a mad dog which passed through this section Friday. The child was taken to Raleigh for treatment Friday afternoon.

Mr. John Austin and sister, Miss Nola, of Hopewell, were visitors at the home of Mr. John Wallace Sunday.

Mr. Edward Allen spent the week-end with his parents in Lower Johnston.

Mr. George H. Dunn went to Smithfield on business Thursday.

Will our esteemed friend, Sheriff C. S. Powell write for publication more often? W. & D.

Two Fine Pigs.

On last Monday, Mr. W. H. Cole, of Clayton township, killed two pigs which weighed 480 and 523 pounds, making a total of 1,003 pounds of nice pork. If more such pigs as these were killed each winter, Johnston County would not have to spend so much money for western meat as it does now.

A GOOD TIME AT SCHOOL.

Report of Box Party at Creech School, District No. 8, Smithfield Township.

On Friday night, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock, a large crowd gathered for the box party at Creech's. The school gave a program consisting of songs and recitations relating to Christmas, which were much enjoyed by all.

Then began the sale of the boxes with Mr. John Barnes as auctioneer. A goodly number very beautifully prepared, had been collected. The bidding was very spirited, as the boxes sold well. This pleased the young ladies who had so generously prepared them, immensely.

After the boxes had all been sold and their contents enjoyed by the lucky ones who bought them, and the young ladies, we had a voting contest. The young lady who received the greatest number of beauty votes received as prize a nice cake, which had been prepared by Miss Omega Creech. Miss Flora Starling was voted to be the prettiest girl and was presented with this prize.

About \$25.00 was realized which was placed in the hands of the committee who will use it for the benefit of the school.

We wish to thank all present for their interest, help and splendid order during the party.

P. J. KORNEGAY, MISS EFFIE HAMILTON, Teachers.

December 30, 1916.

Street Deaths Increase In New York.

Figures prepared by the Bureau of Records of the Health Department show that during the first eleven months of 1916 there were 139 more fatal street accidents than in the corresponding period of 1915. The following table shows the increase:

Table with 2 columns: Mode of Death, No. of Deaths. Rows include Street vehicles, Surface cars, Falls on streets and sidewalks, Falls from wagons, cars, etc.

Total Police Department figures show that a big increase in street car accidents followed the inception of the street railway strike last summer and that the number of such accidents is still greater than it was before.—New York World.

Anchor Your Farm.

The United States Geological Survey has issued a statement to the effect that an average of 95 tons of soil and loose rock are washed into the ocean every year from every square mile of territory in the United States. The stupendous amount of land washed away may be realized when it is taken into consideration that there are over 3,000,000 square miles of land in this country. This loss to the American farmer is gigantic, as it is obvious that the soil carried away is top soil—the richest in plant food and humus.

Is the best part of your farm being gradually washed away year by year? Do you allow the washes to develop into gullies to further facilitate the robbing of your soil? Have you failed to realize that the muddy creek flowing through your section is carrying part of yours and your neighbor's farm away?—Indiana Farmer.

GREAT AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

Almost a Quarter of Our Population Is Enrolled in the Schools.

They are striking figures, that the bureau of education gives in its report on the schooling of the American people. They show that 24 per cent of the population—a trifle less than one-fourth of the American people—are in school, either as pupils or as teachers.

Schooling, it thus appears, is our greatest national industry. And the proportion of brains, hearts and souls that this industry absorbs, in comparison with the three other leading countries in the world, is an inspiring revelation of America's thirst for knowledge. In Germany, the country that ranks next to the United States in the scope of its educational equipment, 20 per cent of the population are in school; in Great Britain, 19 per cent; in France, 17 per cent.

In the United States there are 23,500,000 persons enrolled in various educational institutions. What an army of hope that is—the army that will create and guard America's future!—New York Mail.

Organize to Hold Cotton.

One hundred business men of the South met in Selma, Ala., and organized for the purpose of urging cotton growers to hold their cotton for twenty cents a pound.

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.

Special Sale on Field FENCING

Beginning January 1st, 1917 And Closing January 31st

We are going to sell two carloads heavy weight field fencing at a sacrifice in order to move it. If you need any wire fencing now is the time to buy, for we are going to sell it cheaper than this fence can be bought for at Factory to-day. These are some of the heights and prices:

Table with 2 columns: Fencing type and price. Rows include 28-inch 6-inch Mesh, 34-inch 9-inch Mesh, 34-inch 6-inch Mesh, 40-inch 6-inch Mesh, 46-inch 6-inch Mesh.

We are going to give one roll free (110 yards). Every roll you buy gives you one chance at the free roll. This to be given away when fence is sold.

Somebody is Going to Get a Roll Free! It May Be YOU!

Johnston County Farmers Union Company

Selma, N. C.