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## AUSTIN ELECTED COTTON DIRECTOR

Eight Others Voted For; 907 Votes Cast and Mr. Austin Received 458

When the 907 votes for director from this district of the Cotton Association, were counted last Saturday, it was found that Mr. W. H. Austin had been elected by a big majority. Because of unfavorable weather conditions, the time for voting was extended until noon Saturday, and at that time the office of the County Farm Agent was crowded to see the counting of the votes. Two candidates had been chosen at a previous meeting here, these being Dr. S. H. Crocker, of Stantonsburg, Wilson county, and W. H. Austin. Mr. A. M. Johnson was an independent candidate and several others, as the tally of votes showed, received votes. Messrs H. P. Stevens and H. I. Ogburn kept tally while Messrs S. J. Kirby and J. P. Parker counted the votes. Mr. Austin received 458 votes; Dr. Crocker, 254; Mr. A. M. Johnson, 182; A. J. Fitzgerald, Princeton, R. F. D., 6; C. W. Horne, Clayton, 3; Wm. D. Avera, 1; Turner Edgerton, Kenly, R. F. D., 1; S. J. Kirby, 1; D. T. Creech, Pine Level 1.

Other directors in the state which have been chosen are B. O. Townsend, of Harnett, R. W. Christian, of Cumberland, Mr. Slatton, of Pitt, Dr. G. M. Pate, of Robeson, and Mr. L. D. Robinson, of Anson. There is a contest between Mr. Mosely of Lenoir and Mr. Dan Patrick, of Green, and the other district has not been heard from.

It is reported that very likely Mr. Raiford B. Whitley, of Wendell, formerly of Selma, will be the director for the tobacco association from the Johnston and Wake districts.

## SMITHFIELD SMOTHERS TARBORO QUINT, 110-8

Tarboro Boys Completely Outclassed by Local Boys; Stephenson Stars.

In a lop-sided game here Thursday night the Smithfield Highs completely smothered the Tarboro Highs by the score of 110 to 8. The Tarboro boys were outclassed as the score would indicate. From the start to the last whistle the visitors were in the power of the local quint. The first half ended with the score 56 to 6. Captain Ellington ran in two substitutes in the last half—J. Caudill for Brown and C. Stephenson for E. Caudill. Despite this the locals scored 54 points to the visitors two in the last half. Stephenson, center, scored 9 field goals in the first half and 8 in the last, making a total of 34 points. E. Caudill scored 18 points in the first half. Capt. Ellington scored 24 points. Godwin, holding his forward to no goals, caged eight field goals. C. Stephenson scored 14 points in the last half.

The passing of the Smithfield boys was good but that of the visitors was inaccurate and slow. The ball was kept in Smithfield's half of the court most of the time.

Tarboro's midget, Johnson, played the only game for the visitors that could be called fair. He scored 6 of Tarboro's 8 points. He caged four fouls of five chances.

Line-up and summary:  
Smithfield (110) Tarboro (8)  
Position Position  
Caudill, E. Right Forward Simmons  
Ellington Left Forward Denson  
Stephenson, R. Center Crane  
Brown Right Guard Johnson  
Godwin Left Guard Staton  
Smithfield scoring: Field goals, Ellington 12; E. Caudill 9; Stephenson 17; Godwin 8; J. Caudill 2; C. Stephenson 7. Foul goals: Ellington 6 out of 3 chances. Tarboro scoring: Field goals: Denson 1; Johnson 1. Foul goals: Johnson 4 out of 5 chances.  
Substitutions for Smithfield—Caudill, J., for Brown, C. Stephenson for E. Caudill. Substitutions for Tarboro—Evans for Staton.  
Referee: Tyner; Scorers: Barnes and Wharton; Timekeeper Ennis.

### Prayer Meeting.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. the pastor will continue his talks on the Holy Spirit. Read Jno. 16:12 to 15.

## WOULD CUT EXPENSES IN SCHOOL OPERATION

Superintendent Brooks' Pronouncements May Put Some Supervisors Back to Teaching.

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—State Superintendent E. C. Brooks, who had two legislatures standing on their heads, which position often symbolized the correct intellectual attitude of the body, now has the city superintendents with difficulty holding to their feet.

His conference with them yesterday resulting in pronouncements almost sure to end many of the smaller ones to supervision personally and many of the supervising teachers to the old grind of class work, is the first big effort of the department to meet the popular outcry against the expensive operation of the schools. The first wall came up from the politicians; but few of them would do the perfectly obvious thing—place their hands on the fruitless tree that should be pruned sharply or cut down outright.

Yet, a survey of the schools has shown that the teaching has a most aggravatingly disproportionate cost. It often happens that the lowest salaries are tied up with the highest per capita cost and that the rooms vary in size by 100 per cent. These things working against uniformity make for expense.

Mr. Brooks told the superintendents how much "supervision" he was wont to do in the prehistoric days of teaching. He does not ignore the supervisor; the need of such work in the great number of counties is manifest. But as an institution per se there is some difference of opinion. Teachers who meet the excellences may get along without the supervisor whose fine teaching is needed in every school day.

The committee appointed to work out some plan of settling the differences as to tuition will probably find a way to give each child in North Carolina the constitutional six months term and then the question of tuition will be in order. The state superintendent is not disposed to allow a charge for any pupil until the state's law has been met.—Greensboro Daily News.

## COMMISSION TO SELECT TEXT BOOKS NEXT WEEK

RALEIGH, Feb. 3.—The state board of education will make its decision in the selection of text books for North Carolina grammar grades schools Saturday, February 11. The method of procedure in making the selections also will be decided at that time. The state text book commission recently submitted its report recommending books for the grammar grades, and text book men have been in Raleigh for some time awaiting final action by the board of education.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

### Triumphs of the Conference.

The Washington Conference gave the world another sensation yesterday in plenary session. It was scarcely less impressive than the proceedings that startled the world on the opening of the Conference, November 12, when Secretary Hughes in clear, clean, businesslike utterance presented the astounding American program for scrapping capital ships, and for a ten year naval building holiday.

The important difference between these two high peaks of the Conference is that the one dealt in proposals and recommendations; the other presented these proposals and recommendations concreted into signed agreements.

The great Conference, and measured by its achievements it is much the greatest international conference of all time, has finished its work. There are still some details to be adjusted that will consume a few more days. But the achievements that optimism hoped for, prayed for, vast as they are in actualities, and vaster yet in potentialities, are today, embedded in history.

The achievements of this Conference mirror the demands of the great human heart of the world.—New York Herald.

Trees planted on the public highways would add very much to the comfort of travelers in the summer time.

## RUSSIAN STEPPES COVERED BY DEAD

Skeletons of Animals Mangled With Bodies of Men and Women

Ufa, Volga Region, Russia, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press)—When the snows melt next spring the Russian steppes will be strewn with skeletons. They will resemble the high prairies of the American cow country in the days when big cattle outfits had insufficient hay to carry their stock through a hard winter.

But among the skeletons of cattle and camels there will be the bones of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who fell exhausted in their quest for bread, who lived the simple lives their peasant ancestors lived for centuries and had little conception of the political upheaval which made this famine more terrible than that of 1891.

They wandered and millions of them are still wandering. There was nothing to eat in their homes so they started on the trek for bread. Some drifted westward to the Volga and found death in the typhus ridden railway centers, or among the horrors of refugee camps along the Volga; others started for Turkestan; still others started eastward toward Siberia, the land of gold and wheat which has always been so alluring to the Russian moujik, who heard little of its vastness, its hardships and its heartlessness. The peasants knew nothing of modern ways. They were unable to buy tickets on the railways, unable to get permits to ride on trains burdened with the red army and food for Moscow and Petrograd. When their animals dropped dead the families walked on always hoping that food lay over the next knoll.

But the country districts have no grain, or if peasant families have a small supply they conceal it in the effort to prolong their own lives until another crop is harvested. In the larger towns there is food for sale at fabulous prices but the starving refugees have neither money nor goods to exchange and can only set down to await death or trudge on until they sink of exhaustion.

The bodies that lie along the railroads are collected on cars and hauled to centers where they are piled in frozen, snow-covered heaps to await burial. Freezing refugees remove all garments from the dead, so the frozen bodies are nude when the scavengers collect them.

Families drift apart and wander aimlessly on to their inevitable fate. Human instincts are lost and they become little better than beasts. The city and town populations are so hardened to suffering that they are little moved by the misery which lies all about them. Death seems more merciful in the country for the refugees; they sink into the white covering of the endless plain, and wolves strip their bones. From Perm and Ekaterinburg to the Caspian Sea death is stalking over the steppes. Russians, Cossacks, Kalmucks, Kirghiz and Tartars alike are meeting their end with hopelessness and patience begotten of centuries of unequal struggle against political extortion and unfavorable climatic conditions, made worse by ignorance of scientific methods of tilling the soil.

American corn will be too late to save many of these wanderers through the steppes, as well as the families who have elected to make their fight in their villages remote from the railroads rather than endure the hardships and death their neighbors have suffered along the main lines of transportation.

Entire village populations have died in the provinces east of the Volga and the animals which survive are so weak it is impossible to get adequate horsepower to deliver food to the thousands of snowbound, destitute settlements far from food stations.

### But, Maybe He Didn't.

A professor of biology addressed his class thus: "I propose to show you a very fine specimen of a dissected frog which I have in this parcel." Undoing the parcel he disclosed some sandwiches, a hard-boiled egg and some fruit. "But—surely I ate my lunch!" he said.—Cincinnati Inquirer.

## COMMISSIONERS MET YESTERDAY

List of Jurors Drawn for the Term of Criminal Court Beginning March 13

The county commissioners met in regular session here yesterday. They authorized the payment of a few small bills, made a few changes in taxes where mistakes had been made in entering, and took action on a few outside pauper petitions.

Below we give the list of jurors drawn for the March term of Criminal court, which convenes Monday, March 13:

J. W. Pool, J. Willard Oneal, W. H. Smith, W. D. Avera, W. N. Holt, R. T. Hudson, L. D. Clifton, W. R. Smith, J. J. Broadhurst, E. S. Lassiter, D. T. Creech, T. B. Wall, Ellington Tart, Adam J. Woodard, Robert Parrish, Victor Austin, Jno. A. Wilson, Don C. Smith, C. A. Johnson, E. L. King, R. W. Etheredge, J. D. Hamilton, Z. B. Hill, B. N. Hamilton, Walter K. Eason, Stephen Westbrook, A. J. Fitzgerald, D. H. Holland, Emmett Adams, T. A. Creech, L. F. Austin, T. E. Talton, W. W. Hare, W. A. Lassiter, H. B. Brady, J. B. Oneal.

## GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS MAY EXCEED EXPENSES

President Harding Says Budget System Has Already Justified Itself. Gives Daws the Credit.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Presiding today at the second business meeting of the government, President Harding announced that instead of a deficit in government finances as was forecast in December there now were prospects of a surplus of receipts over expenditures when the books are balanced at the end of next June.

The President further announced it had been possible to reduce the government's expenditures from a scale based on \$4,500,000,000 a year to a scale of \$3,974,000,000 and declared, "that even in its formative period the budget system has justified our most confident expectations." More than a thousand officials from all the departments met with the President and received the reports of the various co-ordinating agencies transmitted by Director Dawes of the budget bureau whom the President described as "the genius" who made possible the cut in expenditures.

High officials who sat with the President at the meeting included Vice-President Coolidge, Secretaries Mellon, Denby and Wallace, General Pershing, Admiral Kintz, Under Secretary Fletcher of state department and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy.

Both the President and General Dawes who made the only other address of the meeting, announced a direct saving of \$32,000,000 and indirect saving of more than \$104,000,000 accomplished in less than six months through the operation of the co-ordinating agencies of the budget system.

Mr. Harding further declared the efforts of the government towards economy had been reflected among the people at large.

"I cannot but feel," said the President, "that the government has in this budget organization set an example of care and thrift that has helped greatly to make saving fashionable. If to some extent the government has been a leader in so praiseworthy a cause, we ought all to be gratified to have had a part in the affair. Much of the extravagance of government has been due to lack of sense of individual responsibility and the same is true in the corporate business and the private affairs of the people. If our efforts here shall set a standard and inspire an ambition for greater economy and higher efficiency, we shall have served not only the government but the whole public particularly well, perhaps, our example will be of service to the world."

Discussing the prospects of a surplus instead of a deficit as was generally expected, Mr. Harding appealed for a continuation of the "careful and painstaking effort which has been made continuously during the first half of the year."

The cost of living fell seven per cent in London during the month of December.

## AN OLD COUPLE PASS AWAY AT GOLDSBORO

Capt. T. W. Slocumb Died at Noon Friday and His Wife Three Hours Later.

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Telephone messages tonight from Goldsboro said that Captain Thomas W. Slocumb three hours later recalled the golden wedding of the couple celebrated three years ago and the further remarkable fact that their seven children have survived them.

Captain Slocumb did distinguished service with the Confederacy in whose battles he won his title. Until six months ago when his eight years under the Craig and Bickett administrations ended as secretary of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, his life had been active and he was universally declared the best functioning the road ever had. Shortly after dropping back to private life he became ill and he has been an invalid with death expectancy daily.

Mrs. Slocumb had nursed him throughout his illness and was at her work yesterday and today. Her death was wholly unexpected and in Raleigh where she and Captain Slocumb often visited their daughter, Mrs. Hattie S. Gay, Governor Bickett's executive secretary, they were almost as widely known as in Goldsboro, their home.

Captain Slocumb was 79 years old and Mrs. Slocumb 76. Everywhere he was known he was loved for the grand gentleman, the like of whom will not return. Their four daughters and three sons who have grown into middle age with parents who were their seniors only in years, were with them today when they declined to allow even death to separate them.—Greensboro Daily News.

## TWO SISTERS START ON HIKE TO MIAMI

Misses Kathleen and Winifred O'Malley Leave Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 1.—A hearty farewell was given to the Misses Kathleen and Winifred O'Malley of this city to-day as they started for their hike to Miami, Fla.

The young women, attired in knickerbockers, shook hands with Mayor Bader and were cheered by a large assembly as they made the start from the City Hall. They are taking the hike as a vacation trip. If they obtain any contributions from their trip they will donate them to charity. On their way they will distribute thousands of pieces of reading matter in praise of Atlantic City.

The girls will cover a distance of about 1,350 miles. They expect to walk about 15 miles a day. For the last six months they have acted as nurses to their brother, Charles O'Malley, who is an invalid here, having been wounded during the war. The brother will be looked after by their other sister, Miss Julia O'Malley.—N. Y. Herald.

## PROBABLY KILLED IN A SCHOOL TRUCK

Mr. R. E. Lee, of Meadow Township, was here last Friday and told us that Miss Nelson a teacher in the Peacocks Cross Roads school had been called to see her cousin who was seriously hurt in a school truck near New Bern. The truck turned over dislocating Miss Nelson's spinal column and breaking some of her limbs. Her cousin who left the county Thursday was wanted at her bedside. It was not thought she could overcome the injuries she had sustained.

## HON. E. W. POU CONTRIBUTES TO JEWISH RELIEF

A telegram to THE HERALD from the State Director Publicity of Jewish Relief states that Congressman E. W. Pou of this the Fourth District is heartily in favor of the work being done and sends a contribution to the cause. Congressman Pou says: "It gives me pleasure to participate in the Jewish Relief Campaign. I send you check for fifty dollars, and only wish the state of my finances made it practicable to send check of larger amount. I wish for all who are taking part in this worthy cause the fullest measure of success."

## COUNTY SYSTEMS NEED A REVISION

Governor Says County Government Act Is Out of Date; Needs Change

A general revision of county government in North Carolina is contemplated in steps which Governor Morrison is now taking with the approval of the Council of State, for the preparation of legislation to be submitted to the 1923 General Assembly. Governor Morrison is in process of appointing a commission of a score or more of distinguished men in the State to undertake the drafting of a reform measure which will be submitted to the Legislature as a basis for its consideration.

Governor Morrison is satisfied that great improvement can be made in the county governments in North Carolina. The present law under which the counties of the State are governed, says the Governor, is out of date. It has been handed down, in its main principles, from the first county government act adopted after the War Between the States.

"The only thing in the world that insures good and efficient government in the counties of the State is the men who are elected to fill the offices," said the Governor yesterday. The law as it now stands, the Governor went on, is submerged in a mass of amendments, and special legislation to the extent that even the lawyers in many cases are puzzled. A complete reorganization of the county government and the accounting system in operation in them is the Governor's aim.

While Governor Morrison was not yet ready to make any announcement of definite plans, he stated that he was selecting a commission for the purpose of taking the whole matter into consideration and of aiding him in the drafting of a new law for submission to the next General Assembly.—News and Observer.

### The Steady Grind.

The fellow who knows how to grind gets there in the end.

Some people are always looking for sky rockets. They believe human affairs are guided by the genius of luck. They believe in a Santa Claus for adults. They expect to wake up some morning and find themselves wealthy, famous and powerful. But the chariots of fire never appear. The golden lands that be at the end of the rainbow are never reached. Across their firmament the meteors of great success never flash. It's the steady grind day after day in the face of ups and downs that makes a fellow's dreams come true. Constant application, persistence, and dogged determination are the qualities that win at last.

Shaking dice with fate is a fool's game. History records the victories of no man who was not a day laborer in life's harvest field.

Good luck is the rarest flower that blooms and it blossoms mostly in the gardens of imagination.

If your rival is a steady grinder, look out for him.—Selected.

### The Home Garden Campaign

Governor Morrison's "Home Garden" campaign which has been taken up by the county farm agents of the State ought to bring results. A movement which is of so much practical value to the people as a whole is very worthy and commendable. A home garden, for the person in both the country and towns, pays in many ways. It not only pays financially when properly managed, but it pays in the comfort and convenience of having fresh vegetables at any time; and then for busy man or woman who needs something to occupy their extra time, it will furnish wholesome diversion and profitable exercise. Let every one join in making the campaign for a garden for every housekeeper a success. Statesville Sentinel.

### Thinking of the Groundhog.

"My debutante sister had her coming out yesterday," said the society youth. "Did she—er—see her shadow?" asked he weather sharp, thinking of the old groundhog superstition.—Philadelphia Record.