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### Congress Again

Congress is now in session, and war is more than likely to develop. The prediction that the next war would be a deadly gas war is rapidly being fulfilled. There seems to be three wars in the law-making bodies, one each in the Democratic and Republican parties, and then a war between the parties.

The leading issue in nearly every case is, "How Can I Best Be Re-elected to Congress?"

It is predicted that all important legislation will be factory made and mangled out of the big mills by the money power.

Congressmen have promised the folks at home many letters, declaring they are going to keep their secretaries busy to let their home voters know how useful they are in the of Congress, it now looks like most of the members have gathered to find

out what it is all about, and rather than carrying a policy to Congress are there seeking a policy. Regulations for the purpose of making political hedges, but they will hardly get any of the gang in jail.

Congress has grown to tired of the rigid economy and shameful stinginess that it will doubtless increase the cost of government by enlarging the appropriations very much above those of last year.

It was once predicted that a copy of the eighteenth amendment would be filed in the Library of Congress for the use of its members, but after due and timely consideration, it was decided that that body was not ready for it, besides it would be too much reform to put on Washington at one

Regardless of what we may think legislative halls. Of course, they are going to make a great many investments.

### Some Interesting Tax Figures

The State educational commission has given out a summary report, or advance sheet, on its findings. This report possibly gives more facts on the property and tax situation in the State, counties, and towns than has ever been gotten together before.

It is now easy to see why the leading wealth producers of the State wanted a segregation of State and county taxes years ago, which placed the burden of the public school and all local government on land and personal property, while the cost of the State government was charged to corporate wealth.

The demand for schools has called for an annual tax of \$26,000,000 for schools and \$30,063,023 for other purposes, making a grand total of taxes against land and personal property of \$57,013,331. The State tax

items reached \$11,648,774; the automobile license and gasoline tax was \$14,175,424; making a total tax paid by the people of the State of \$84,305,702, and is a per capita tax of \$29.50.

Of all the outstanding bonded debts of the State, counties, towns, and districts, only 14.50 per cent is for schools, while 85.50 per cent is for other purposes.

With all the tax hatred that exists, no intelligent voters can be found who would sell his schools for what they cost, no driver will sell his roads for twice its cost, and the same is true all the way down the line. North Carolinians may be extravagant, but they are progressive and will take no

The thing to watch is to see that there is nothing wasted, and more spent on education, which is the bedrock of our civilization.

### What Shall We Do With Our Criminals?

What shall we do with our criminals seems to be on the minds of many people in our State, as well as all officials. Especially is this true of the judges and pardon boards.

The 14-year-old Nash County boy who killed a neighbor because he suspected the neighbor had reported him for moonshining is a striking case.

The boy admitted the killing, and apparently was proud of his deed. Judge Bond sentenced the boy to a six-year term in the State penitentiary. Governor McLean let the boy into the office of the warden of the penitentiary, had his name registered, and then paroled him and sent him to the Eastern Carolina Training

School at Rocky Mount. This was done on the grounds of saving the boy. If it does save the boy, it will be well worth it.

The penitentiary is pictured as a place of horrors; yet according to *The Prison News*, it is one of the best organized branches of our State Government; a place where the inmates have preaching and prayer, observe regular habits and take healthy exercise; have food far superior to that of the American Army and fully as good as that furnished at the University, State College, or most of the church schools of the State. Long-term prisoners are permitted to visit their sick people, or to attend the funeral of relatives in remote parts of the State without guard. It is also said that there is not half as much cursing in the penitentiary as there is in the United States Army.

The hours worked at the penitentiary are no longer than the average farmer in the State has to work for his living. There is no more sickness in the penitentiary than there is outside and even a lower death rate.

Certainly a man sent to our prison loses his liberty; yet it is not fair to remove a citizen from his community if he is going to destroy the peace and happiness of its people?

If some of the humane societies would stop shedding crocodile tears long enough to study the true condition of things when some innocent blood has been spilled at an assassin's hand, or whose life has been wrecked, or whose property has been destroyed they would probably conclude that the penitentiary is good enough for some folks, anyway.

The advantages of our educational system was offered to the 14-year-old Nash County boy, but he refused to obey the law that said he should accept an education and did not go to school.

We are paying too little attention to the things that keep away crime. If we enforce the laws in little things, then we will have fewer of the big crimes.

The things that are costing society most are the little things.

### NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain collateral note executed to the undersigned by

*The Ladies of the Episcopal Church Will Hold a*

## Bazaar

at the  
WOMAN'S CLUB ROOMS

## Friday

Night, Dec. 9

A large variety of useful articles and nice

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

will be on sale  
Remember Also To

Come and Get a Nice  
TURKEY SUPPER

J. T. James on the 31st day of August, 1925, defaults having been made in the payment of the same, the undersigned will on Wednesday, the 7th day of December, 1927, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following property, to wit:  
One note, dated July 10, 1924, from J. W. Belliflow, and wife to J. T. James, for \$1,154.24, being secured by a deed of trust of even date therewith. This 15th day of November, 1927.  
THE PLANTERS AND MERCHANTS BANK.  
By: V. G. Taylor, President. n22 5t

### COMMISSIONER'S RESALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned commissioner by order of the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, in a special proceeding entitled "Addie Matthews and others, ex parte," wherein a raise in the bid having been made and a resale ordered, I shall offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the courthouse door at Williamston, North Carolina, on Saturday, December 17th, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon the following tracts or parcels of land situated and lying in the County of Martin, State of North

Carolina, and bounded as follows, to wit:  
First tract: Bounded on the east by the lands of J. T. Rogers, on the south by J. S. Peel, on the west by Leggett's Mill Pond, and on the north by Eli Roberson, containing thirteen (13) acres, more or less.  
Second tract: Beginning at a stake in C. T. Peel's line; thence with said Peel's line east to a pine; thence with said Peel's line north to a gum in a branch; thence down run of branch to a sweet gum; thence south to the beginning. Containing thirteen (13) acres, more or less.  
This 2nd day of December, 1927.  
R. L. COBURN,  
Commissioner.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed on the 20th day of April, 1923, by B. S. Hathaway and wife, Ida Hathaway, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in book H-2, at page 261, said deed of trust being given to secure the payment of certain notes of even date and tenor therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned trustee will on the 31st day of December,

1927, at 12 o'clock m., at the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction the following described tract of land, to wit:  
Beginning at a corner of the public road and the Sebrn Brown line and running along said Sebrn Brown line east to David Black's line and along

said line south to R. T. Andrew's line and the canal; thence along said Andrew's line and the canal west to the Robertsonville-Hassell public road; thence along said road north to the beginning.  
This 30th day of November, 1927.  
J. T. STOKES,  
Trustee.  
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R. L. Coburn, attorney.

### FOR SALE

All personal property and farming utensils of P. L. Lynch, deceased.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

All corn, hay, and three mules will be sold with the other property.

J. W. HINES, EXECUTOR

# BIG REDUCTION

## Ladies Coats, Dresses and Slippers



Beginning  
**Wed., Dec. 7**

AN INTERESTING COLLECTION OF WOMEN'S FASHIONS, FEATURING STYLE CORRECTNESS AT MODERATE COST. WE MUST DISPOSE OF THESE BARGAINS. COME EARLY. SEE THEM BEFORE BUYING ELSEWHERE.

REDUCTIONS IN

## Men's Suits, Overcoats and Boys' Suits

VALUES THAT CAN'T BE EQUALED



Our boys' and young men's suits and overcoats, ranging in sizes 6 to 16 and 12 to 20, are the best buy to be had this season. These stylish, well-made overcoats, which you must see to appreciate, are made in attractive fabrics, half or full lengths—and in the newest colors, including the navy blues. The suits are exceptional values—correctly styled, either two or three button models—and extra trousers as the boy will have them—either knickers or longs.

One lot of boys' suits, short pants, regular price, \$10 and \$20; sale price **\$5**

These Goods Will Positively Be Sold At and Below Cost

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# HARRISON BROS. & CO.

WILLIAMSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

# Notice to Taxpayers of Martin County

The 1927 taxes are now past due and all taxpayers of Martin County are urged to pay their taxes as soon as possible. It is not a patriotic act for a taxpayer to postpone the payment of his taxes when it is possible to pay. The sheriff's salary is very small, and it will be a great favor to him if the taxpayers of this county will pay promptly, so as to enable the sheriff to complete the collection at the lowest practical cost. People in townships in which there are banks may pay there. Landlords are asked to assist in the collection of the taxes of their respective tenants.

# A. L. Roebuck, Sheriff, Martin County