

# The Siler City Grit

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The National Convention of the T. P. A.'s is in session at Asheville this week and is a most notable gathering, embracing visitors from every section of the country. Asheville became a verily a city of light this week and welcomed her guests in a royal manner. It is fast becoming the "Convention City" of the South and its climate and excellent hotel facilities makes it an attractive place.

It is reported that Col. Charles H. McConnell, of Chicago, will erect a \$150,000 monument on the battle-field at Gettysburg to mark the spot where the twenty-sixth North Carolina and the twenty-fourth Michigan regiments met in such deadly combat. Col. Harry Burgwyn commanded the famous twenty-sixth and when he fell valiantly carrying the flag forward, our own brave countryman, Col. John R. Lane, became its commander. Col. McConnell commanded the twenty-fourth Michigan and their bravery in holding their position was only surpassed by the valor which made the twenty-sixth North Carolina famous. We are pleased that this monument is to be placed at Gettysburg and it is very right that the spot where such brave Americans fell should be thus perpetuated. Monuments to the memory of Americans, whether they be Confederates or Unionists, will continue to be erected and especially is the better feeling accentuated when one is erected jointly as in this instance.

TOMORROW is the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, the first and only President of the Southern Confederacy. In some of the Southern States the day has been made a legal holiday, but not in this State. At many places in this state the day is observed by the Daughters of the Confederacy with appropriate memorial exercises, and this is very fitting. President Davis was a christian gentleman as well as a statesman and soldier and too much cannot be done towards preserving and keeping bright the memory and example of this man in whose honor tomorrow will be celebrated. It should be not a day of sadness to the South, but of joy that on a day a man such as Davis, should have been born to a life immortal in the South's history and for its eternal example!

In this connection it will be of interest to note that Lincoln and Davis were both born in the same State (Kentucky), the parents of the former moving to Illinois and those of the latter to Mississippi.

The strike of the firemen on the Georgia Railroad is without a parallel in railroad history. Starting May 17th, it lasted thirteen days and was only terminated Saturday by a compromise between strikers and employers. It was caused by the use of negro firemen on the best runs instead of white firemen, who were union men. The railroad company refused to recognize color, but seniority in service, so the white firemen struck, tying up the entire Georgia railroad for thirteen days.

The sentiment of the communities through which the railroad ran was entirely with the strikers, because the principle of the race question was involved. In many places indignation meetings were held and in many towns supplies ran dangerously low and yet the people as a unit stood loyally by the strikers. It is indeed fortunate that the strike ended amicably, for had it continued longer, the Federal Court would probably have been appealed to that the mails could be kept going, and any attempt to force negro firemen on the people at this time would have resulted disastrously and thus caused either State or Federal interference.

# Big Popularity Contest!

Great Opportunity To Win a Handsome Prize—Open To All—  
Let Everyone Enter—It Costs You Nothing—  
A Little Work Wins!

The Grit begins with this issue a Popularity Contest that will be read with interest by its many readers. We have endeavored to put forth a clean, readable paper since we bought The Grit from Capt. W. S. Durham, three weeks ago, and how well, if at all, we have succeeded in improving it thus far, we leave to our readers to determine; and if we have succeeded in improving the paper thus far we can earnestly assure our present and our prospective readers that the improvement will continue on the present lines until we give them a paper that they will be proud of and glad to subscribe for.

Siler City is a growing town, a town of already 1,300 people, and is deservedly characterized as a progressive town. The surrounding country is well populated and contains some of the best people in the world, and so since we have a prosperous town and county, it should not be a hard matter to induce people to subscribe and in that way help this paper to increase its sphere of usefulness and also enable the boy or girl to win one of the handsome prizes that this paper now offers.

### Prizes.

The first prize is \$10 in gold.  
The second prize is \$5 in gold.  
The third prize is a beautiful cook stove, purchased from the Hardware Store, and it can be seen at any time at their store.  
The fourth prize is a comfortable rocking chair, purchased from Welch-Marley Furniture Store. This popular firm will please to show it to you at any time.  
The fifth prize is an art square that is a beauty. It is on exhibition at Wrenn Bros. Co., from whom it was purchased. They will take particular pleasure in showing it to you.  
The sixth prize is a pair of that well-known brand of Oxford shoes, for either ladies' or gentlemen, and is bought from Stout Bros. Mercantile Company. A visit to this store will convince you of the superior excellence of an Oxford pair of shoes.

### Terms of Contest.

This contest is for all, regardless of where you live, and each yearly paid subscription to THE GRIT you send us will entitle you to 5,000 votes.  
Six months' subscription will give you 2,000 votes.  
Three months' subscription will give you 800 votes.  
A renewal of subscription, or an old subscription paid counts for HALF as much as a NEW subscription would be.  
The person, lady or gentleman, who receives the largest number of votes, will be the first prize. The one who receives the second largest number of votes wins the second prize. The third largest wins the third prize, etc.  
It is going to be a great contest. Get in it and get your friends to subscribe and in that way you will win one of the six prizes. They are going to somebody. Why not you?  
In sending in new or old subscriptions, state plainly to whom you wish the paper sent and for whom you wish the votes cast. Receipts for all money sent us will be mailed to the subscriber as soon as received.  
The nomination ballot below is good for 1,000 votes, but only one nomination ballot will be allowed each person. Fill in this nomination ballot with the name of a friend whom you choose as winner and mail to THE GRIT at once.  
This contest closes July 29th, and is going to be a red-hot one. The scores of the different contestants will be published every week.

## NOMINATION COUPON

Good for 1,000 votes

I hereby nominate for a winner in THE GRIT'S Popularity Contest

Name.....

P. O.....

Signed.....

P. O.....

### White Cross Items.

ED. GRIT:-

In this joyous time of the year when all is love, peace and toil, when the farmer is busy at work tending his crop, when the birds are busy building nests, all mankind should be inspired upward and upward to higher and nobler things. The sparkling brooks and rivers, the beautiful fields of waving harvest, the sweet buds of flowers, and the songs of the birds should make us happier and cause us to live a better life.

What is life to the man who does not work? For one thing he does not enjoy sleep like the laboring man. What is life to the man who gets angry and says things that make his family feel bad? He lives not in peace but in sorrow.

For the past few weeks strawberry hunting has been all the go. There were several of the White Cross people who laid aside their work and went to the Commencement Friday.

Rev. Willie Poe will preach at Love's Creek Sunday.

Hoping that Sleepy Sam and Buck will have good letters in THE GRIT next week.

CHARLIE.

President Taft put himself squarely on record as opposed to any reduction in our standing army in a speech at Gettysburg Monday.

Judge Henry Groves Connor, newly appointed United States Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, took the oath of office and immediately opened court.

The oath of office was administered at ten o'clock by United States Commissioner John Nichols in the Federal Court room. Immediately after this Judge Connor ascended the bench and court was convened. He delivered his charge to the grand jury and then proceeded with the business of the court.

Terms of sale: One half cash, remainder in equal payments of six and twelve months, the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum until paid.

This May 31, 1909.

J. D. Edwards and W. S. Edwards, Jr., Commissioners.

J. Geo. Hannah, Jr., Attorney.

Recently the friends of Mr. John Laws who has been Register of Deeds of Orange county for fifty years, congratulated the old man upon his eighty-ninth birthday. Now he is being congratulated, for last week the Stork visited his home and left a bouncing boy.

### Land Sale!

By virtue of an order of the Superior court of Chatham County in the cause therein pending, entitled, W. S. Edwards, Jr., J. D. Edwards, S. R. Edwards, R. G. Edwards, Mrs. Thomas Gooch and husband, Thomas Gooch, Mrs. Ella Down and husband Sidney Down, Mrs. Sallie Johnson and husband, H. P. Johnson, and Daisy Edwards, heirs at law of W. S. Edwards Sr., deceased, Ex Parte, we will on Saturday, the 10th, day of July 1909 at 11 o'clock A. M., on the premises of the late Dr. W. S. Edwards, Sr., in Albright Township, Chatham county, offer for sale to the highest bidder the following tract or parcel of land to wit:

A tract of land lying and being in Albright Township, Chatham County, being the home tract of the late Dr. W. S. Edwards, Sr., bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the North by the lands of Owen Cotner, on the East by the lands of the heirs of Mrs. West Pierce, William Thompson and R. D. Tenge, and the Albright lands, on the South by the lands of Columbus Johnson, on the west by the lands of Daniel Albright, Amazi Fogleman, and S. T. Pike, and others, being as aforesaid the home place of the late Dr. W. S. Edwards, Sr., containing three hundred and fifty acres more or less.

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are now prepared to do all kinds of Job work, as note heads, envelopes, shipping tags, statements, posters, or most anything in the line of Job work.

If you need anything in this line send us your orders and we will fill them as quick as possible.

Address all orders to  
THE SILER CITY GRIT  
Siler City, N. C.

## The RESULT

of Persistent Saving  
is INDEPENDENCE.

We Pay **4** Per Cent. Interest  
Times a Year,

Get one of our Time Certificates, at the  
**Chatham Bank,**

Directors F. M. Hadley, Dr. J. D. Edwards, A. A. Lamb, G. W. Perry,  
J. C. Gregson, W. A. Tenge, E. L. Wrenn.

F. M. HADLEY, Pres. L. L. WRENN, V. P. J. J. JENKINS, Cashier.

### Sleepy Sam's Letter.

EDITOR GRIT:-  
It pays to always do what conscience says is right. A man rebel against the dictates of his conscience, and may apparently be meeting with success, his business may prosper and everything may seem to be going well with him, yet such a course can only meet with the most disastrous and regrettable results in the end. One of the very worst things about the habit of disregarding the mandates of conscience is the fact that the more we persist in such a course the worse we get. When we first take up the habit, we only neglect the least things; we only neglect the just and equitable things which are besoms on the rightness or fitness of the varied things that life, in its varied phases, presents to us, with respect to both words and actions. But the man who cultivates the habit of talking and acting against the mandates of his conscience, will, day after day, do so in greater things, until he may reach that awful and fearful stage when his conscience will no longer tell him what is right and best for him to do; when it will no longer point out his faults and shortcomings, and warn him of the dangers and pitfalls that lie along the pathway of life.

What a pitiful object man must be, whose conscience is seared; such a man may meet success from the viewpoint of the average man of the world; fortune may smile on him, and he may reap bountiful rewards as the result of the effort he puts forth for a living, but he is daily sinking to lowest depths of moral depravity. More pitiful still is the spectacle of such a man on whom worldly fortune frowns, and who only meets with drawbacks and reverses as he goes on through life, heedless of the eternal wreck he is making of that part of him which is immortal, and which must live on forever; ever sinking lower and lower while ceaseless ages roll.

How careful ought we to be! Especially since we only enjoy life in proportion to our intellectual and spiritual development. Thus we see one who is daily climbing to a higher and better life, getting much more enjoyment out of his terrestrial existence, and at the same time is growing infinitely rich in things that are lasting. And I believe as much as I believe my existence, that after death we will keep on growing and expanding, and mastering new and richer subjects under the personal tutelage of a Teacher whose wisdom is infinite.

If we people of America, who enjoy unrestricted liberty of conscience, were to apply ourselves to the prayerful study of these things, and then were to work as diligently and faithfully in directing the trend of American life to a higher and better plane, both in thought and action, what a difference it would make!

How much greater would be our capacity to enjoy the blessings of life!

Were we to live up to this standard, the whole world would soon put a much greater value on riches that are eternal and that fade not away.

Let's try and so guard our thoughts and actions that we may get the most out of life. Note the amazing difference in the two pictures drawn above. The first, of one who is always a loser; who loses the power of judging for himself, and the ability to enjoy life; and who may not reap any benefits in this life, and can have no lasting riches. The other is growing richer and enjoying his life, and best of all, his treasures are laid up, "where moth and rust cannot corrupt; where thieves do not break through nor steal."

### SLEEPY SAM.

SEABOARD  
AIR LINE RAILWAY  
IN CHARGE OF  
Mr. C. H. GATTIS District Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C. and clappered by Mrs. C. H. GATTIS over the entire trip.

Leaves July 3rd, returns August 6th, circling the United States in a solid Pullman train composed of the highest grade and modern design of sleeping, compartment observation cars, and Seaboard dining car.

The most inexpensive trip ever operated from the Southeast, through Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, stopping at Kansas City, Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, through Yellowstone National Park, St. Paul, Chicago, returning home through Cincinnati and C. & O. through Richmond.

Trip cost will include railroad and Pullman fares, hotels, dining car meals, stage ride of five and one half days through the Yellowstone National Park, transfers, side trips, carriage and automobile rides and stop-over points and all actual expenses necessary.

Side trips will be arranged at all stop-over points to places of interest, all details being arranged in advance and looked after enroute.

An attractive 23-day trip through the "Greatest Country in the world" covering a distance of 8,755 miles of travel in a modern Pullman train with superb dining car service, eating and sleeping in the best of hotels, sight-seeing "The wonders of the West" leisurely, with all details arranged in advance is a luxury of a lifetime.

Write at once to the undersigned for cost of trip, schedule and itinerary. If maps, timetables and booklets of the lines over which the party will travel, are desired, send 20 cents in stamps.

C. H. GATTIS,  
District Passenger Agent,  
Raleigh, N. C.

# SPECIAL SALE!

Of All Laces

AND

-Embroideries!

WILL BEGIN MAY 31ST.

AND

LAST ONLY 10 DAYS!!

We have thousands of yards of LACES and EMBROIDERIES, and our buying in large quantities enables us to make prices that have never before been shown in Siler City.

This is an especially fine opportunity for you to prepare for the Summer. Our match and mis-match laces and embroideries are to be sold at a

GREAT REDUCTION!

Remember this SALE begins

MONDAY, MAY 31ST.

and lasts only 10 days!

Our 5ct LACES will be a wonder to the ladies.

## Wrenn Bros. Co

## GENTLEMEN!

Our great sale which has been going on at our store is now over and we have never conducted a more successful sale. We sold stacks of Shoes. Still we have a large line FOR YOUR INSPECTION and we are going to continue to offer bargains in shoes.

There is an Echo

On the Breeze.

And it is not hard for us to interpret its meaning. It tells us plainly that nothing can beat the good all-wool clothing such as we have been putting before our customers.

SALES TELL THE TALE!

They are the only real indications. Advertising is good and they say we do it well, but it's good values and low prices that makes the sale.

## Stout Bros. Mercantile Co.

THE STORE THAT SELLS GOODS.

M. D. SMITH

F. W. HADLEY.

## SMITH-HADLEY.

Bring your measurements and let us make you a set of

SCREEN DOORS

AND

WINDOWS!

If you don't believe we can make good ones, come and see the kind we ARE making. They are stronger, just as artistic and as cheap as the "store" kind.

If you live inside the corporate limits we will send "Timmus" to hang them FREE OF CHARGE!

## ALWAYS IN NEED!

I am buying thousands of chickens and eggs but still I have more orders than I CAN FILL. My large order trade enables me to pay you the highest prices. I will appreciate your trade.

W. S. DURHAM,