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ABOUT THE SALE OF RED CROSS XMAS SEALS

How Christmas Shoppers May Aid in the Fight Against Tuberculosis in This Section.

From time to time have appeared articles in this and other papers in reference to the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. Do you know the history of the Red Cross Seal, what it is and how it is used?

The seals are decorative stickers used in sealing Christmas packages and letters and money derived from their sale will be used in anti-tuberculosis work. Not only so but all money, after expenses have been deducted will be expended in the locality where it is raised. The American Red Cross acts as a distributing agency and to them goes ten per cent of the amount collected to defray expense of printing and distributing the stamps. Every nearly 90 per cent of the money received from the sale of the stamps is sent to the Red Cross where the seals are sold.

The stamps for this purpose were first used in Norway and Sweden in 1904. Three years later they were introduced into this country, being first sold in Delaware. It was in 1908 that the American Red Cross Society brought out the National Red Cross Stamp, and since that time they have raised a million dollars has been realized.

It is hoped that the stamps in Elizabeth City will net a large amount this year. Mrs. W. C. Glover, Mrs. R. T. Whitehurst, Mrs. Louis Selig, Mrs. E. E. Etheridge and Mr. Cam W. Melick compose the committee that will have this sale in charge 10,000 stamps have been ordered. Kinston not so large a town, hopes to dispose of 15,000. The committee urge that everybody in Elizabeth City co-operate with them to see that all the 10,000 seals are disposed of.

The matter should be taken up in the smaller towns in this section also. The Advance pledges the movement its hearty support throughout the section.

HIGH SCHOOL SCRIBBLINGS

The Faculty and the pupils of the high school are presenting a play to be presented before Christmas. The proceeds to be divided between the Athletic and Historical Societies.

The Triennial examinations are sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They take place next week and teachers and pupils expect strenuous days.

Boys of the High School have entered the inter-scholastic debate and will compete in this district with Washington and Newbern for the Aycock cup to be awarded by the State University. Further details will appear later.

The High School Football team was defeated by the Washington team at Washington last Friday. It was a hard fought battle, as the scars still borne by Griffin and Hooper attest.

The boys report a glorious trip.

The Class of 1913 gave the senior class of 1912 a reception in the high school auditorium on Wednesday night, November 27. Games and songs were enjoyed by the guests and refreshments in three courses were served. The choruses were the high school Glee and Miss Key of the Primary department.

UNIVERSITY LETTER

Chapel Hill, N. C.—The more societies of the University of North Carolina a few weeks ago to form a state-wide debating union of the schools of North Carolina has thus far met with admirable success. The plan which provides for the formation of a net-work of schools for stimulating debating in the secondary schools has already been responded to by 43 representative schools of the state. The list includes the high schools of Raleigh, Charlotte, Salisbury, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Washington, Hendersonville, Oxford, Lenoir and other foremost schools in the state. The committee promoting this debating union have been active in arranging the query to be debated, the prize that is to be awarded, and other technicalities towards making the union a thorough-going one. The prize, nominally the "Aycock memorial cup," will be a contribution of the local chapter of the Tau Kappa Alpha debating fraternity, which chapter is composed of inter-collegiate Carolina debaters.

The North Carolina Drainage Association will be in session at Raleigh on the dates of November 26-27. The university will be represented by Prof. William Cain, professor of mathematics. He is interested in the furtherance of work of this nature, and his advice on the subject will be altogether worthy of consideration at this meeting of the drainage association. He will address the association on the subject "The Relation of the University to the Public works of the state."

The debating union of the University has recently consummated plans for a triangular debate during the month of April, between the universities of North Carolina, Virginia and Johns Hopkins. Any new schedule of debates by the university of North Carolina recounts its notable achievements in the field of debate. In the sum total of thirty debates with noted universities from Pennsylvania to Louisiana, Carolina has lost only nine. This is a record unsurpassed in Southern universities.

In a race contest held by the track department of the university last Wednesday, a member of the freshman class won the medal as the swiftest mile-runner against seven competitors. The winner made the mile run within 4:58 3-4, of time.

The advance classes of the pharmacy department have organized a society for the purpose of furthering pharmacy in North Carolina, and for the purpose of discussing subjects of interest to druggists. The society has been fittingly named in honor of one of North Carolina's pioneer pharmacists, of several years ago, the late Mr. William Simpson of Raleigh.

Rev. Louis S. Chafer of the Scofield Bible School, of New York City, has during the past week conducted a Bible Institute in the Presbyterian church of Chapel Hill.

President F. P. Yenable was honored with the office of a member of the executive committee of the National Association of State Universities at its annual sessions in Washington, D. C., this week.

THE TREE DOCTOR IS NOW IN TOWN

The tree doctor is in Betsey again.

Coming here from the villages and cities of the North, where the people take as much care of their trees as they would of a sick horse, he hopes to arouse some interest in tree preservation in Elizabeth City.

Indeed, the subject of shade trees, these men say, is now a theme of absorbing interest in all sections of this country; towns and villages devoting careful attention to the matter of preserving the beauty of the streets and keeping them well shaded.

The treatment of the trees consists in removing scaly bark, amputating old limbs and filling such cavities as result from these operations. After the diseased parts have been removed, the cavities are first treated that all the grubs and insects throughout the tree will be destroyed. These cavities are then filled with a preparation of cement and sand, and in the course of two or three years the bark closes in over the filling, leaving but slight trace of the operation.

All loose bark is removed from the tree under treatment in order to prevent moths and other insects from laying their eggs along the limbs and trunk. These eggs hatch out into caterpillars which will kill the tree in a short time.

A great many hollow trees contain typhoid, scarlet fever, and diphtheria germs, the tree doctors say. Rain water collects in these cavities and stands for months and even years. Eventually it becomes a thick green slime of the consistency of molasses which at times runs down the trunks of the trees. This, it is claimed, is a source of infection to small children playing around the trees, who frequently acquire these diseases.

The beauty of a city adds to its attractiveness not only to the homeseeker but to the investor as well. One of Elizabeth City's chief charms is the avenue of magnificent elms on Main street. The ladies of the Civic League some time ago attempted to get the board of Aldermen to appropriate money to have the trees of the town doctored. Failing in this they are going themselves to try to raise the funds to have these Main street elms looked after. Their work should be of interest not only to the patriotic citizen but to the hard-headed business man as well.

Dr. Thompson, of the Thompson Forestry Association is here already, and is prepared to do demonstration work to afford all interested an opportunity of seeing the nature of the work that he proposes.

LITCHFIELD—HALL

Mr. G. L. Litchfield of Elizabeth City, and Miss Ira Hall of Newbern were quietly married at Newbern Thursday morning at half past eight o'clock.

Mr. Litchfield is the son of Mr. Ed. Litchfield of Columbia and holds a position with the Dare Lumber Company.

SENATOR RAYNOR DEAD

Senator Raynor of Maryland died at Washington Monday. His death makes Democratic control of the Senate at its next session doubtful.

The South is coming into its own again.

Woodrow Wilson is a Southern man by birth and training and twenty-eight out of the thirty-four committee chairmanships of the present Congress, says *Colliers Weekly*, are held by

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN TYRRELL

Columbia, N. C. Nov. 25th—A new grocery has just been opened up on the corner of Main and Water streets, with an attractive stock of fresh groceries. The name of the new firm is, Sykes and Son. Mr. Winston Sykes being the head of the new firm.

Mr. Nelson McClees arrived in the city on Monday of last week from Middlesex, Georgia, bringing with him his bride to whom he had been married just before leaving Middlesex. The young couple spent a week with Mr. McClees' father, Mr. H. W. McClees. They have now returned to their home at Middlesex.

Rev. Mr. Duvalls, pastor of the Methodist church here, addressed a large and attentive audience at the court-house on last Sunday night. This was not Mr. Duvalls' regular appointment, but he spoke because this was the last opportunity he would have of doing so before the conference. He left for Fayetteville, Monday.

Mr. G. N. Hurdle, who opened up a new store here last spring has recently added considerably to his stock and now carries a complete line of general merchandise.

Mr. W. F. Owens, who is with the Richmond Cedar Works with headquarters at Norfolk, was at home Sunday and Monday of this week.

He returned to Norfolk Tuesday.

Mr. D. T. Holmes has opened an oyster kitchen on Main St. opposite the Columbia Hotel. The new place is very popular every evening. Mr. Holmes comes to Columbia from Wallace town, Va.

COLUMBIA HOTEL CHANGES MANAGEMENT

Columbia, N. C., Nov. 25th—The Columbia hotel, which has for the past year been under the management of Mr. S. M. Combs changed hands last week and now Mr. W. A. G. Cohoon is in charge. Mr. Cohoon was manager of the brick hotel, the Scuppernon which was destroyed by fire two years ago. Mr. Cohoon says that he expects to give the present hotel building thorough renovation and have the walls repaired in the immediate future. He has had many years' experience in the hotel business and will doubtless receive a large patronage.

LOOKING OVER CITY

Mr. F. D. Clement of Suncoek New Hampshire has been in the city this week to investigate farming and industrial conditions in this section. Before leaving, he subscribed to the Advance in order to keep in touch with this city.

WILL DEEPEN NEWBEGUN CREEK

The War Department has ordered a survey of Newbegun Creek and, it is said, will recommend an appropriation to deepen the stream's channel.

The recent sentences imposed in police court upon those convicted of selling intoxicants in Elizabeth City meet with the approval of the Advance. The way to test the justice and wisdom of a law is to enforce it. And we suggest that those who believe in law enforcement, see to it that public sentiment does not permit the acquittal of such offenders as appeal to the superior court.

Miss Hallie Powers of Wake Forest is here the guest of the Misses Stevens on Main street.

THE PARCELS POST AND HOW IT WORKS

What May Be Expected of The New Law and Why It Favors the Home Merchant

The Parcel Post created by Act of Congress August 4, 1912, to begin operation January 1st 1913, has awakened great interest all over the country, especially in rural districts. Other countries enjoy the benefits of this cheap and convenient method of sending small packages; and our government, in treaties, agrees to deliver parcels sent in this manner from such countries to persons in the United States. There seems no reason, therefore why we should not use the system to the advantage of a large proportion of our people. The scheme is yet only an experiment but will probably become a valuable institution. Its success will depend upon the rates charged in comparison with those of express companies.

While a large part of the office force is busy perfecting plans, there are still important details yet unsettled.

The Act Creating the Parcel Post is briefly as follows:—Fourth Class mail is extended to include everything not now included in other classes; providing the packages do not weigh more than 11 lbs. nor measure more than 72 inches in length and girth combined; and further provided they be not in shape or character to injure other mail, or to spoil before delivery in a reasonable time. This is practically the whole bill except as to rates. It is easy to regulate the size and weight of parcels, but not easy to decide what may be too perishable for each distance or too dangerous to other mail. These questions are puzzling a special commission, which in conference with Senator Bourne the author of the bill, is now trying to settle such details.

Shall live animals be admitted?—and such things as butter, eggs, milk, live pigs and whiskey? It is the evident intent of the bill to provide for dressed poultry, butter, eggs and liquors; for farm and factory products are especially mentioned. But such articles must of course be put in safe containers, which may possibly be sold like envelopes.

Dangerous explosives cannot be accepted and live pigs, and turkeys will usually be excluded by weight. But live chickens, for short hauls may become a common part of the postman's delivery.

For the purpose of fixing rates 8 zones are created, based upon units that are about 30 miles square, or half a degree of latitude. But for practical purposes we may say that the first zone includes all points within 50 miles of the sending office; the second points between 50 and 150 miles distant; the third 150 to 300; the fourth 300 to 600; the fifth 600 to 1,000; the sixth 1,000 to 1,400; the seventh 1,400 to 1,800; and the eighth all areas beyond 1,800 miles from the sending office. The rates proposed are as follows:—

Zone	Miles	1st lb.	Extra lb.
1	50	5 cents	3 cents
2	150	6 cents	4 cents
3	300	7 cents	5 cents
4	600	8 cents	6 cents
5	1000	9 cents	7 cents
6	1400	10 cents	8 cents
7	1800	11 cents	10 cents
8 over 1800		12 cents	12 cents

For small parcels and short

distances this is much cheaper than present express rates of fourth class mail. But for parcels of five pounds, they closely approximate the usual express charges, and for larger parcels and longer distances exceed them. But both express and postal rates on small packages are likely to be lowered in the near future.

PASTOR GIVEN RECEPTION

On Friday evening, November 22nd the members of the First Baptist Church tendered their new pastor, Rev. L. T. Reid and family a reception in the church parlors. This was followed by an informal social in the course of which refreshments were served. There were a number of instrumental solos and duets and several songs—solos and quartettes. The evening was greatly enjoyed by those present and the new pastor, by his cordial manner, won the hearts of all.

"THE CLIMAX"

At the Alkrama, on Tuesday night, December 3rd, Joe Weber's "The Climax" with several of the New York cast and a production complete and characteristic in every detail, easily stands out as the most important theatrical offering of the season. A liberal guarantee was necessary to secure this gem of dramatic purity and the interest already shown in its coming proves that plays with a purpose—plays worth while—will receive liberal support. The well-known names of those responsible for "The Climax" insures a performance of highest merit; Joe Webber (Webber and Fields) Edward Locke, (author "The Case of Becky" Belasco's production with Frances Starr) Joseph Carl Breil (composer for Charles Frohman and Sarah Bernhardt) and last but not least the appearance here of Theodore Kerwald from Weber's Theatre in his famous character of the lovable old Music Master and Harriett Magill Carter the little girl with the wonderful voice" of which Acton Davies on the New York Journal-American said: "It was easily worth the \$2.00 to hear her sing one song."

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