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TODAY AND THE PRIMARY

It is at hand—the primary. It is admitted, however, that if one takes care to examine the race between Bickett and Spence, they are not intensely interested in the contests for the nomination of the county offices. The county however has been and is being merrily discussed. The hardy question that has been asked in Pasquotank county and which has been the subject of much local belief that the county in this district is the sole exception of Per-
It looks as if Bickett will win the returns from the whole county are canvassed, by a majority of at least twenty thousand.

So far as we have been able to ascertain J. Bryan Grimes will have it all his own way in Pasquotank in the race for the office of Secretary of State. J. A. Hartness and Hayward Clark are not well known here. J. S. Mann will make a good run in this district against B. R. Lacy for State Treasurer, and it is possible, but in our opinion hardly probable, that Mann will win the nomination.

There are four candidates for Attorney-General. They are James S. Manning, N. A. Sinclair, Thomas H. Calvert and Edmund Jones. Perhaps Calvert will lead the field in this race. Manning is able but not especially popular.

David P. Leifinger has conducted a vigorous campaign for Commissioner of Labor and Printing. M. L. Shipman has the job now, however, and will probably hold it.

William T. Lee and D. L. Boyd, the candidates for Member of Corporation Commission, have neither any special following in this section. Many will probably vote for Lee because his name comes first on the ticket.

There is no reason why W. A. Graham should be defeated for Commissioner of Agriculture, so far as we know. He has two opponents, S. H. Hobbs and A. J. McKinnon, and a second primary may be required to settle the contest.

C. T. McCleneghan is running against James R. Young for Insurance Commissioner, but there is no general dissatisfaction with Young and he will probably hold his office.

When it comes to local office seekers, the race for the state senate attracts first attention. It is generally conceded that Cohoon will not carry his home county, though in other counties the contest between Cohoon and Johnson will be warm and probably close. Some think that in the interest in the race between these two Mr. McNider may be lost sight of and defeated.

Ferry, candidate for the legislature, entered the race too late this

year. We do not believe that he can now defeat Scott.

We do not believe, either, that Shelton Scott can beat Charles Reid in the race for sheriff. Reid has lost friends, but he has probably gained as many, and the vote that he has always received will elect any candidate in this county.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that Charles Carmine will defeat James P. Thompson this year in the race for auditor. Carmine is especially strong in the county.

The race for trial justice presents the most dubious situation in the local political field. Ernest Sawyer is strong but he is not strong enough, in our opinion, to defeat both of his opponents. We think it safe to predict a second primary. If in the first race Sawyer can show a good lead over both Lamb and Spence, he will stand a good chance of winning re-nomination. If either of them run him a close second, a united opposition will probably encompass Sawyer's defeat.

The foregoing is the situation as we see it. Of course you can never tell what turn politics will take over night, and we are prepared to see some of our forecasts fail.

We do not think that any candidate in the field would make an officer to be ashamed of and we pledge the nominee of the party our support.

The Advance believes that there is no more upright man and no better citizen asking the support of the voters of Pasquotank this year than George J. Spence. Old schoolmate and friend, we have found it hard not to openly champion his cause in these columns and have been deterred from that course only by the fact that one of his opponents is a man whose unrequited service to the party entitled him to every consideration while the other's record in office has been above reproach.

It seems to The Advance that there has been less bitterness in the campaign preceding this year's primary than has been the case since we have been here. We haven't heard half so much about gangsters and ringsters as we used to, and almost every candidate has seemed disposed to urge his candidacy on his own merit and fitness for the office sought rather than on the demerits of his opponent.

Good! This looks like the new day we have been talking about sure enough.

There's a reason.

Watch Elizabeth City grow. New brick buildings going up all the time and being completed in a jiffy, too. The Advance expects to keep pace with the march of progress. Watch us grow, too.

Do the folks read The Advance? It rather looks as if they watch the editorial column anyway. A three line editorial announcement last week aroused interest and comment all over the city. The editor could scarcely get about for a day or two on account of the many questions asked him about the Daily Advance. The country people showed interest too. They were asking about it at Dare Court this week.

The Advance scored a scoop yesterday on the biggest local news story that has broken in Elizabeth City this year. If it's local news we got for you.

D. W. Morgan of Mount Hermon Cooke, Mildred Ilene Commander, Peas this spring and his shipments have already netted him between three and four hundred dollars.

A Federal Market News Bureau for Elizabeth City—the biggest thing for the potato farmer done here in the history of the town! Who's who in Eastern North Carolina now? Why Betsey, of course. She's style all the while.

THIS COUNTRY SOON MUST FINANCE ITSELF

People Should Realize Thrift at Home Is Necessary.

One hundred years ago the first savings bank in the United States was established. The advent of this institution came with the era of commercial and industrial expansion. It came when the population of the United States was only 2,500,000, and there were but 246 banks in the country. By 1820 ten of these savings banks had been established with 8,633 depositors and aggregate deposits of \$1,138,570.

Prosperity came, the people saved and the deposits in these great reservoirs of capital, which now number 2,100, by leaps and bounds increased to enormous proportions. To-day, with our national wealth approximating \$187,000,000,000 and almost one hundred millions of people in the country we have about \$4,700,000,000 in the savings banks belonging to ten and a half million depositors. This may seem an amazing sum of capital and number of depositors, but when a comparison is made with other countries and a balance is struck it is found the United States is near the end of the list in the percentage of savers to population.

The possibilities for the greater promotion of habits of thrift and saving among people are indeed extraordinary. With remarkable opportunities in the United States for increasing foreign trade; with bumper crops in every section of the country; with gold pouring into the coffers of the banks; with every appearance of unprecedented future prosperity, the fact is apt to be disregarded that the other great commercial nations of the world are involved in a war of frightful destruction and economic waste; that after the war these nations will need funds for reconstruction and the United States will be called upon to supply them; that for some time to come this country will not be able to secure capital, as in the past, from France and Great Britain, for the purpose of carrying on new enterprises. The United States must finance itself.

No fear need be had for the immediate future, but it is inevitable that the time is coming when this country must meet the test of financing practically the entire world. Preparations are being made for defense in the event of war; preparations should also be made for peace. Adequate credit machinery can be developed and perfected, but it will assuredly require a sufficient amount of capital to maintain properly and keep in good running condition this credit machinery.

How is this capital going to be secured? Through education; by calling the attention of the people to the lack of thrift in the country, and the beneficial results of practicing thrift; through a systematic nation-wide campaign to promote thrift and saving. It surely is to the interest of all citizens whether banker or business man, editor or professional man, employer or employe, to be a party to such a movement.

This is the object of the nation-wide campaign instituted the first of the year by the American Bankers' Association.

DON'T BE EXTRAVAGANT.

"Live Within Your Income," Keynote of Nationwide Thrift Movement.

"Live within your income" is the keynote of the great nation wide thrift movement, and be not so wasteful.

The strength of Rome lay not in the time when Romans were extravagantly spending their millions in feasts and games; when people were flocking from the country to the city; when Romans were too lazy even to play their own games, but hired gladiators not only to play, but to die, for their amusement; it lay not in the time when the young Roman millionaires spent their time at the baths and in feeding on nightingales' tongues and on oysters brought in wet moss from the shores of Britain; when \$175,000 was paid for roses at a feast, and when her citizen soldier was replaced by hirelings, but in the time when the Roman farmer was its citizen and statesman and depended not upon the hired others, but upon himself, for performing the duties of the family and the state.

The entire world at the beginning of the present war started to save money. It is a curious fact that such a destructive process as war sometimes is a benefit to a nation. It increases the total efficiency, and it increases the total saving. Let America be not too free to cast criticisms upon our foreign warring sister nations. It may be that the increased thrift and the increased efficiency and the increased strength of character brought about by this great crisis, so affecting the nations of Europe, will do for them as they did for us in our civil war—produce characteristics and produce men and women that in the years following the war may offset the enormous waste and destruction brought about by it.

No amount of wealth will replace character. Wealth will never take the place of personal righteousness, but the characteristics of thrift and economy will do more than anything else to bring back the type of American that made New England, and that makes any nation, strong and great. And by what we save only can we measure our future wealth, whether as individuals or as a nation.

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