

RURAL free delivery has a department string to it in the guise of an order compelling the ruralists to buy one out of fourteen specified mail boxes, or in default thereof to suffer exclusion from the free delivery privilege. Each jolly farmer must have an iron mail box, and must buy it from one or another of the favored fourteen manufacturers. This is regarded by the department officials as a beneficent arrangement all around; but a Senate amendment has upset it, and the far will fly in conference committee accordingly. Think of making the free delivery privilege contingent upon a reluctant purchase of some petty contractor's patented mail box!—Philadelphia Record.

HON. LOCKE CRAIG, in speaking of the primary system, says: "I am not opposed to the primary," was his reply, and in answer to the inquiry what method for the selection of a Senator he preferred, he said that as he had been spoken of as a candidate, his preference was that of an interested party, and might be of little consequence. Continuing, he said: "The welfare of the party and not the preference of any candidate should control. I will say, as a candidate, the primary would be entirely satisfactory to me. Some of our people oppose the primary, and they fear that the party may be torn into faction as it was in the fall of 1900. It may be that we can avoid the evils of the last primary, and if we can, let us have the primary. No man should aspire to represent the people unless he is their choice."

A FEW days ago Senator Pritchard, "in all capacities," issued a proclamation to the people in which he asserted that he had information that Democratic Commissioners would exempt all delinquent Democrats from paying the poll tax in order to retain their votes. It was a serious charge—amounting to a charge of the violation of the official oath of county commissioners. The demand was made upon Senator Pritchard to "name the commissioners and the counties" or to give the name of his informant. To both demands he was dumb.

Senator Pritchard lives in Madison county, a rock-ribbed Republican county, controlled by Republicans. It has the distinction of having the most expensive and poorest county administration of any county in North Carolina. But—let that pass. We publish a special from Marshall today—(Senator Pritchard's home town)—showing that the Republican commissioners of Madison county, after releasing an unusually large number at each meeting for several months, released on the first Monday in April fifty-five men from the payment of their poll tax, "many of whom had considerable amount of property and very few of the number released having any physical disability." Not satisfied with such wholesale release the board adjourned to meet on the 28th day of April "when, of course, they expect to release as many more as they see fit."

It should be added that Senator Pritchard's law partner and son-in-law is county attorney of Madison. In view of the Senator's slander of "Democratic Commissioners," falsely charged with doing what the Madison Record says is being done by Republican Commissioners in Senator Pritchard's own county—we say in view of the "chickens coming home to roost," Senator Pritchard owes it to himself to give the name of the liar who caused him to slander the "Democratic Commissioners" of the State, and to apologize for the wrong he has done them. It would be in order also for the Senator to take the beam out of the eye of his own party officials before he comes to pluck the mote out of the eye of

his neighbor party's officials.—News and Observer.

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We sell and guarantee Dr. Worthington's Remedy, for Bowel Complaints, and Instant Pain Cure, believing it is the best remedy known and will do all that is claimed. We take great pleasure in recommending it to our customers. It should be in every home. Price 25c. H. B. Sedberry & Co. ap 4-1f

**THE CHILDREN CAN NOT WAIT.**

To Neglect Them To-Day Handicaps Them To-Morrow.

The children of to-day will be our men and women of to-morrow. Their opportunity for gaining knowledge is fast fleeting. Once it is gone, it will be gone forever. They can't wait. What we do for them must be done quickly. The hope of Virginia rests and must rest upon the education of her young people, says the Fredericksburg, Va., Free Lance. Education is the only means of elevating and broadening the individual. The constant elevating of the individual through the process of education is the only means by which we can hope to elevate and expand the business and social interests of our state. The day has passed when to simply know something about the "three R's" will suffice. The world is moving rapidly. Times are constantly changing and with these changes come increasing demands for knowledge. Neglect the education of the young to day, and we seriously handicap them for the life to-morrow.

**Smallpox**  
is no more dreaded and not near so dangerous as Cholera, Cholera Morbus, Diarrhoea, Dysentery and Summer Complaints which you are subject to. If you will provide your home with a bottle of Dr. Worthington's Remedy, The Great Pain Conqueror, you need have no fear, as pain yields to its touch like magic and has saved many lives. Price 25c. at H. B. Sedberry & Co's.

**Negroes Held for Murder.**

Suffolk, Va., April 19.—To save the prisoners from being lynched, two magistrates held court almost all day yesterday at Kelford, N. C. John Stephenson, Junius Bishop and John Belfield, all colored, were charged with the murder of Thomas Stephenson, white, a clerk in Peel Bros' store at Kelford. The negroes are said to have cursed Stephenson and had been put out of the store. Later Stephenson was shot several times in the back and one man fired at close range at his neck when the clerk was lying helpless, face downward. Milton Belfield, who was captured and shot by officers at Weldon, N. C., implicated the others in what was supposed to be a dying declaration. The men were kept under strong guard Saturday night. All were held for indictment. Belfield is reported from Weldon as likely to recover.

**A Nearly Fatal Runaway**  
Started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill., which defied doctors and all remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Just as good for Boils, Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at Spruill & Bro's store.

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**ROBERTS' CHILL TONIC**  
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Scott's Emulsion is not a good medicine for fat folks. We have never tried giving it to a real fat person. We don't dare. You see Scott's Emulsion builds new flesh. Fat people don't want it. Strong people don't need it.

But if you are thin Scott's Emulsion is the medicine for you. It doesn't tire you out. There is no strain. The work is all natural and easy. You just take the medicine and that's all there is to it.

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We have a very pretty line of Hats, both trimmed and untrimmed, for Ladies and Children.

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**Big values in Ladies' Fine Skirt goods recently received,**

all colors, at very low prices, from 20c. to 25c., 45c., and 60c. All very wide, from 44 to 60 in.

Boys' and Men's Clothing has arrived, in which are some very fine clay worsted suits worth \$18, at \$12.

32 inch Italian half wool Henrietta, black, gray and dark brown, at 15 cents.

One piece Men's gray pants goods, 60 in. wide, 75c. Just received a big lot of Ladies' Fast Black Hose, worth 18c., at 10c.

About 20 dozen Misses hose, worth 15c. at 10c.

A 15c. round top pearl button, small size. at 10c.

A 10c. flat " " " " small and med. 05c.

A big lot new Embroidery just received which we will turn loose on the market at a very low price, from 3½c. to 25c. per yd.

Some very big values in Boys' and Men's Suits, in transit from the great northern cities, which will reach here in a few days; also the Brinkley Clothing on hand we will continue to sell at and below cost. Those who expect to purchase a suit soon will do themselves justice by giving us a trial before buying elsewhere. Also a few more of those Bicycle suits we are selling so cheap. Call and see.

A special sale of fine Neckware for a few days. 60c. ties at 25c., and a 30c. tie at 15c.

Rich values in Boys' and Men's Caps, just rec'd. Boys' Caps, worth 25c. at 10c. Men's very nice Caps, worth 30c. at 15c. Children's Tamochanters, worth 30c. at 15c.

There is about 100 prs. of those Ladies' fine Kid Shoes left. Those who come first may have the opportunity of getting them at 40c. per pair.

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North Carolina, Washington County.  
J. T. Swanner, E. T. Sexton  
& wife, Alethia.

Hattie, Tola and Gola Swanner & Viola A. Swanner, Notice, Guardian, ad litem.

Pursuant to an order in the above entitled cause, I shall sell at the Court House door in Plymouth, N. C., on the 5th day of May 1902, the tract or parcel of land devised to the heirs of Henry Swanner, dec'd, by the last will and testament of U. W. Swanner, duly recorded in Book of Wills on page 64, office Clerk Superior Court, Washington county, to which reference is made for full description, adjoining the lands of J. B. Chesson and others, in Lee's Mills township. Said land is sold by the above named petitioners for division amongst themselves. Terms of sale cash.  
This 29th day of March 1902.

S. B. SPRULL,  
Commissioner.

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