

Are the farmers going to win? We certainly hope they will. Another thirty days will begin to tell the whole story, for by that time the question of actual acreage for this season will be practically settled.

Some cautious remarks on the road bond question are submitted by our East Gaston correspondent. We say cautious for the reason that a careful reading fails to discover our correspondent's precise position. It looks like a case of favoring roads and opposing bonds.

The supreme court of Connecticut has decided the Philo S. Bennett will case adversely to Mr. Wm. J. Bryan, who has been making a vigorous contest for \$50,000 left to him, not in the will, but in a sealed letter. This ends a very noted suit. It was a nice pile of money to go after and gave Mr. Bryan some novel notoriety while he was after it.

With the issue of the Raleigh Times for last Friday, the connection of Mr. J. C. McGill with that paper ceased. For two years his editorial writings have given the paper snap, vigor, and an individuality of its own. What his plans are to be has not been announced. He will be missed by those who have been interested in his editorial articles and paragraphs. His valedictory in Friday's paper closed with this striking and characteristic utterance:

As a last word for these columns, we say: May God promote genuine, broad-minded, honest, liberal, independent journalism in our State. It's the best thing for the proper development of the State and for the education of the people. And we can wish no newspaper any more successful career than that it should be a factor in the consummation of this sacred mission.

The new editor of the Times is Mr. K. R. Hoyle, while Mr. Numa Reid Hoyle is publisher. We give them welcome and wish them the fullest measure of success.

The news that the hour draws nigh for some definite and jolting national legislation against the drink evil are engaging the attention of interested persons. We are glad that Congressman Webb and others took so positive a stand a few days ago against the saloons of Washington City. Public sentiment was growing in North Carolina a quarter of a century before it bore fruit in a fearless temperance legislature. The churches and school houses gained recognition, then a town or two, then a county, then other counties, and finally a legislature was won. What has been done in North Carolina we would be happy to see accomplished in the United States. As our state after another falls in line, something practical and positive will be done by Congress and the government. As an economic proposition the licensed saloon is a monstrous loss. For every dollar it pays into the national, state, or municipal treasury, it drains ten times as much from the pockets of the people.

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their county association, that their approaching meeting in Dallas might be used in some proper way to start the campaign for good roads is one worthy of consideration. The carriers make their trips every day and, naturally, they desire to see good roads. But the very argument which makes a good-roads advocate out of the letter carrier should make a good-roads advocate out of us all: The roads are a necessity; good roads are easier to get over than bad ones; the good roads cost us no more than we are now paying for bad roads. That is the case in a nutshell. But a start must be made to bring as many voters as possible to look at the question in the same light. In every community, every neighborhood, some advocate of good roads should make the start toward getting his neighbors to vote with him. It is a good Scriptural case of "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." If the start is made now, we feel sure that every community will be represented in the meeting proposed to be called at Dallas at some early date.

RUSSIANS ARE ROUTED.

At ten o'clock last Friday morning the victorious Japanese entered the sacred city of Mukden.

With the armies of Oku and Nodan holding the Russian front from Shianmintsu on the west of Mukden to Fushun on the east. Field Marshal Oyama swung Kuroki's fighters far around the eastern flank of the Russian army, while Nogi's veterans made a swift detour around the western wing. At the Pass to the North of Mukden the two flanking vanguards met, the railroad was cut, and General Kuropatkin telegraphed the Czar "I am surrounded." His army began full retreat and it was only by the most masterful strategy, determination, and bravery that he saved the army from utter extermination. The Japanese, entering Mukden Friday morning, pushed on in relentless pursuit of the demoralized Russians; and even with the best maneuvering Kuropatkin could execute, his losses are estimated at 130,000—nearly half of his army.

Full responsibility for the defeat is assumed by General Kuropatkin, who has asked the gracious permission of his sovereign to resign his command. He is in great need, he says, of physical and mental rest. Though it is not known where a better commander is to come from to take Kuropatkin's place, it is generally believed that the Czar will accept his resignation.

And now comes the talk of peace again. Russians say, "No, not now; the Japanese want an indemnity, and that shows they are nearly whipped. We will carry the war on a while longer." Still, peace may come sooner than expected.

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THE CRUISE OF THE CACHALOT

It is Warmly Commended by a Local Admirer—Not New, but a First Book of Deep Sea Adventures.

For the Editor of the Gazette:

I, for one, am glad of the opportunity you have offered us of hearing about the new and interesting books others have read and of saying a good word for our own favorites.

I want every mother of boys to know about Frank T. Bullen's Cruise of the Cachalot, an account, by the author, of a three years' cruise in a whaling-ship. While the book is not really new, it is far too little known and appreciated. It abounds in tales of the most thrilling adventure, in fascinating descriptions of the wonders of the deep sea, and visits to strange coasts. But upon every word is the stamp of truth and from every page reflections of the author's fine manhood. Books of this sort, that satisfy the boy's instinctive craving for adventure, and at the same time preserve a pure, wholesome, atmosphere, are rare enough that none can afford to be overlooked.

But, as the author says, this is by no means a book exclusively for boys, tho, to my knowledge, it has held spell bound a boy of nine and a youth of twenty-one. Readers of all ages and—I almost said of all tastes—will find it interesting. The author's style is delightful.

The most timid, sentimental, girl will brook its harrowing sea-fights for the sake of its beautiful descriptions. Listen to this: "But those lovely days spent in softly gliding over the calm, azure depths, bathed in golden sunlight, gazing dreamily down at the indescribable beauties of the living reefs, feasting daintily on abundance of never-cloying fruit, amid scenes of delight hardly to be imagined by the cramped mind of the town dweller; islands, air, and sea, all shimmering in an enchanted haze, and silence scarcely broken by the tender ripple of the gently-lapped waters before the boat's steady keel—though these joys have all been lost to me and I, in 'populous city pent' endure the fading years, I would not barter the memory of them for more than I can say, so sweet it is to me."

All will be interested in the trustworthy information the book has to give. Rudyard Kipling says of it: "It is immense—there is no other word. It is a new world that the author has opened the door to."

READER.

RHYNE SCHOOL CLOSES.

Good Programme of Recitations and Songs—Excellent Addresses by Supt. Hall and Rev. W. A. Beaton.

The Rhyne school taught by Prof. Eugene Lineberger near Mr. Dave Friday's closed a four months' term last Saturday. The exercises by the school consisted of dialogues, songs, and recitations by the young people, all of whom did themselves and their teacher great credit. Deserving of special mention was the declamation on the True Mission of Woman by Miss Beaulieu Candler.

In the interval between these recitations, music was furnished by Mr. Abernethy, of Worth, on his graphophone.

A fine address was delivered by Superintendent F. P. Hall on the preparation of children for the public school. He said that the public school was really a higher school, and that the home is the real primary school—the preparatory department for the public school. In order to lay a proper foundation for their future instruction, parents should instruct their children (1) in Religion (2) in Truthfulness, and (3) Courtesy. Several more points were brought out and emphasized. It was a fine address, full of good, solid sense, and worthy of a larger audience.

The recess for dinner was followed by an address by Rev. W. A. Beaton on education. It was a splendid effort and worthy of the earnest consideration of all who heard it. This was followed by the closing remarks of the teacher, Mr. E. E. Lineberger.

A teachers' meeting was held after the school exercises. This was opened with music by the Dallas string band, which, with Mr. Abernethy's graphophone, gave the crowd an evening musical entertainment.

From the beginning of the school term to the end, the efforts of Mr. D. F. Friday were continually employed to make the school work a success. In this he has shown himself a true-hearted man, a good citizen, and a friend of education. Nothing that he could do was left undone to make the school a success. And he seems to have accomplished his desire. The entire neighborhood is pleased with Mr. Lineberger's term of work at the school and the parents seem especially satisfied with the progress their children have made.

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OVER IN EAST GASTON.

Pushing the New Road—Coke and Wine Give way to Eggs and Crackers—Farmers to Meet Saturday—Some Remarks About the Road Bonds.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

East Gaston, March 11.—Capt. Eddleman has been moving things on the road for the last two weeks, having done more work with his gang than he had done for a month before. He has so far proven very accommodating with the people along the line, by making the road at the most suitable place for those it goes by.

Rev. E. N. Crowder and wife of Mount Holly, spent one day this week at Open View.

Miss Cox, of Cabarrus county, who has for some time been visiting Mr. J. A. Davenport, spent one evening this week at Open View the guest of Miss Ella Abernethy. Miss Nannie Ferris and Mr. Ira Davenport accompanied her. While there the old rule of bringing out the wine and cake was suspended, and instead a kettle of several dozen eggs were boiled, and eaten with soda crackers and pepper and salt; all present enjoyed this treat.

Next Saturday evening, the 18th, at 2 o'clock the cotton farmers of River Bend township will meet at Mount Holly to transact such business as will come up before the meeting. We are glad to note that the farmers are holding out so well in this movement. They have only got to be as firm as they have been to win one of the greatest fights that they have ever waged. Theodore Price, one of the greatest cotton kings of Wall street, sent out circulars the first of the year, saying that the farmers would have to go down, and that they would sell their cotton for 5 1/2 to 6 cents per pound, before March 1st. Now this same man is making the effort of his life to get spot cotton to fill orders with. Our advice to the farmers is to hold their cotton, and let Theodore go. And if his partners want cotton let them offer to pay for it. We are tired of hearing the mill man say he is in sympathy with the farmers and hopes that they will win out, and still will not buy a bale of cotton, till they can hear from some speculator or gambler. Away with such rot my friends, and pay the farmer what you can for his cotton, regardless of the gamblers who have brought on the present bad state of affairs.

In our neck of the woods, the people seemed to be at ease during the sitting of the General Assembly. We knew that the men we had there would do us no great damage, hence it is that we all rested easy. Some laws they passed will be of great benefit to the farmers, especially the one relative to tenants breaking their contracts after beginning a crop.

We hear but little being said about a bond issue. We don't know whether it will carry or not. We will only ask the people to be careful and make no mistake in this adventure. It is a big undertaking to run our future generations in debt, but what is there that can be left them that will do more good than good roads? We are for good roads, good schools and good churches, for the three combined make the greatest institutions we have. If they give us three hundred thousand dollars worth of roads at once, this with the two hundred thousand or thereabout already spent will make at least a half million spent in roads including the interest on the debts. When this is done our people must have a new court house, that will cost no less than \$50,000. We must have new school buildings as Prof. Hall has suggested and have longer and better schools. Our present roads must be kept up and new bridges must be built. Can the people stand all this now? It looks like a big undertaking and most assuredly it is a big one. It is an easy matter to make a debt and it is an easy matter to say one is for this or that. But when it comes to facts and figures we must go slow and keep on the safe side of the fence.

With the present rate of taxation and the impartial way that our assessors have been assessing property which proves very injurious to the many farmers who are imposed on, while their neighbor in good circumstances swims along without having to meet his just proportion of the taxes. However, let's take no backward steps at this time and at the same time let's be careful and not bankrupt ourselves for the sake of having something and then not be in position to enjoy it.

We can't understand why our Legislature gave the Taxway people that own hotels at Hot Springs, N. C., the right to sell whiskey. We believe in every-body being treated right, and they should have no more right to sell whiskey than any other hotel people. This privilege will cost the Democratic party many votes two years hence.

WILD FANCY OF A CRAZY NEGRO.

Thought he Owned the Henrietta Mills and Demanded Possession. Charlotte News.

Henrietta, March 10.—George Richardson, an insane negro was arrested here Tuesday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff J. L. Matheny and posse and taken to the county jail at Rutherfordton. His hobby was that he owned the Henrietta Mills and wanted possession. He wanted Mr. F. B. Gaffney, general manager of the Henrietta Mills store, to give him possession of the store and residence, saying it was a shame and an injustice for him to have to live in a log cabin and raise his family in poverty in "Peppertown over the River," while some one else is living in luxury and ease in his own valuable property.

He is a dangerous negro and was heavily armed when captured. He has been fortified for some time in his home and threatened death to the first intruder.

A sensational fight occurred in the mayor's court at Salisbury Saturday afternoon. In the altercation Editor John M. Julian of The Evening Post knocked down Editor Carl Hammer of The Evening Sun. The trouble arose over an editorial paragraph which appeared in The Sun. Mr. Julian was fined \$10 and placed under a \$200 peace bond.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The Board of Commissioners for the county of Gaston, at a regular meeting held at the court house in Dallas, on the first Monday in March 1905, the same being the sixth day of said month, in obedience to and in pursuance of the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, entitled "An act to authorize the board of commissioners of Gaston county, to issue bonds in the sum of three hundred thousand dollars to build, macadamize and improve the public roads of said county." Rati- fied the twenty-first day of February 1905, appointed the following named Registrars and Judges of election for the various precincts in said county, viz:

GASTONIA TOWNSHIP. Gastonia Precinct No. 1.—Registrar, W. McKel Adams; Judges, M. H. Shuford, T. L. Clinch. Gastonia Precinct No. 2.—Registrar, J. D. Ragan; Judges, J. F. Knowles, T. H. White. Glenn's Precinct.—Registrar, J. W. Hill; Judges, H. F. Forbes, V. G. Grier.

SOUTH POINT TOWNSHIP. Lowell Precinct.—Registrar, L. E. Rankin; Judges, S. M. Robinson, I. F. Mabry. Union Precinct.—Registrar, J. W. Riddle; Judges, T. A. Ratchford, J. T. Belmont Precinct.—Registrar, W. A. Leeper; Judges, C. H. Lineberger, R. L. Stowe. South Point Precinct.—Registrar, G. B. Stowe; Judges, W. L. Peagram, W. A. Jackson.

CHERRYVILLE TOWNSHIP. Cherryville Precinct.—Registrar, John P. Booker; Judges, M. L. Rankin, T. B. Leonard. Carpenter's Precinct.—Registrar, Martin L. Rankin; Judges, Noah Carpenter, W. R. Crouse. Kiser's Precinct.—Registrar, E. R. Mauney; Judges, J. Kiser, H. S. Sellers.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP. Dallas Precinct.—Registrar, G. R. Rhyne; Judges, E. E. Summey, J. W. Abernethy. CROWDER'S MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP. Bessemer City Precinct.—Registrar, H. N. Garrison; Judges, J. T. R. Dameron, R. L. Payne. Dilling's Precinct.—Registrar, J. L. Dilling; Judges, R. H. Garrett, Thos. L. Payne.

Baker's Precinct.—Registrar, W. S. Mauney; Judges, J. L. Carson, Rntas Baker. The act of the General Assembly mentioned requires an election to be held at the various voting precincts in Gaston county on the second day of May 1905, upon the question of issuing bonds in the sum of three hundred thousand dollars bearing four per cent interest for the purpose of building, macadamizing, improving and maintaining the public roads of Gaston county.

There is to be an entirely new registration of voters for said election. The registration books will be opened by the local registrars on the first day of April 1905, and will remain open until the 30th day of April 1905, both inclusive, and all persons qualified to vote and desiring to vote at said election may register during the time said books are so open. At said election all persons who favor issuing bonds will vote a ticket with the words "For Road Improvements" written or printed thereon, and all persons who are opposed to issuing said bonds will vote a ticket with the words "Against Road Improvements" written or printed thereon, and if a majority of the voters of Gaston county qualified to vote at said election shall vote "For Road Improvements," then said bonds will be issued.

A. J. Barry, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County, This March 10, 1905.

A Connecting Link. Our Trousers are the connecting link between your heavy suit and the light suit you'll select here shortly. Have you thought of the April showers, the mud, and your Trousers? We have. We can't change the weather, but we can help you change your Trousers. Our Trousers should be your Trousers. SWAN-SLATER CO. Outfitters for Men and Boys.

CITY GROCERY CO. Our store is now open for business in the building formerly occupied by the Bee Hive, opposite post office. We carry a full line of heavy and fancy groceries, feed stuff and country produce. WE PRIDE OURSELVES on the excellency of our fancy canned goods. Everything new and fresh. Prompt delivery. Special attention given phone orders. We respectfully solicit a portion of your trade. TO THE FARMERS! We will pay market price for Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Country Hams, and other country produce. Come to see us when in town. CITY GROCERY COMPANY PHONE NO. 27. J. L. Thomasson J. E. Lindsay S. W. Loughridge

NEW HOPE ITEMS. New Hope, March 13.—Mr. Lee Lewis has returned from Wildemere, where he was attending school at West Minister. Mr. Thomas Ratchford and Miss Maggie McKee, two of South Point's most prominent young people, were married at the bride's home last Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Cochran. After the marriage the guests went to Mr. Ratchford's home where an elegant dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Ratchford were the recipients of quite a number of beautiful as well as useful presents. There are, as usual, several of the young men from here going to the soiree at Lynwood College to-night. Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Horaley spent Saturday night with Mrs. Horaley's brother, Mr. J. L. Rhyne of Gastonia. Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Walker of Charlotte, have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. S. Cochran. They returned to their home Saturday. The entertainment at New Hope Academy is Wednesday night instead of Thursday. MR. M. J. RAY SUPERINTENDENT Other Gaston Men at Mills in Wadesboro. Mr. M. J. Ray, of McAdenville, has accepted a position as superintendent of the cotton mill here, vice Mr. Cunningham resigned. Mr. Cunningham has taken a position at Landau, S. C., as superintendent of a mill. Other gentlemen who have recently taken positions at the mill are: H. K. Roberts, card room overseer; C. C. Gore, spinning room overseer; J. F. Lethco, assistant card room overseer; H. L. Roberts, section overseer in spinning room. All these gentlemen came here from Cherryville.

FOR THE BOND CAMPAIGN. A Suggestion to Utilize the Rural Letter Carrier's Association. To the Editor of the Gazette: Bessemer City, March 13.—I notice in your paper Capt. F. Dilling's communication and I heartily endorse what he says. I especially wish to emphasize the need of a thorough canvass of Gaston county between now and the election. My plan to start the canvass is this: I am president of the Gaston County Rural Letter Carriers Association and I purpose to call a meeting of said association to be held in Dallas some time in April. Let each carrier in the County be sure to be present and each man do all in his power to get every patron of his route to turn out. Then let us have several good speakers that can tell the people just what the bonds mean in dollars and cents to them. I would suggest one the father's of the Mecklenburg Road Law, Dr. Alexander of Charlotte, as one of the speakers with as many others as we think necessary. The Rural carriers will certainly turn out to a man and can do more for good roads in the County considering their number than all the speakers you can start. THOS. S. ROYSTON.