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FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1910.

As usual the Republicans are starting their congressional campaign at the wrong end—by giving out election figures. State Senator Buchanan of Mitchell gave it out at Shelby Wednesday at the convention that his county would give McNinch a majority of 1,800 votes. To paraphrase an old saying, when it comes to congressional elections in the ninth, "he who counts last counts best." We predict for Congressman Webb a safe and handsome majority when the returns come in.

Colonel Jake Newell has joined the ranks of the insurgents. One against 142, however, he gracefully abandoned his fight against Taft and the administration. He's still an insurgent, though, and there are thousands of others in the land. Did any Republican President or President of any sort ever so quickly lose his grasp as Mr. Taft has? With the exception of the Aldrich-Cannon gang and the old-line stand-patters, he finds his friends in the party deserting him. All of which looks mighty encouraging for Democratic success in the next presidential campaign.

North Carolina fared well at the hands of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Asheville. Rev. Dr. John C. Kilgo, president of

Trinity College, Durham, was elevated to the episcopacy and Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of The Raleigh Christian Advocate, was made editor of the Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Church, published at Nashville, Tenn. The election of these men to these positions leaves two important posts to be filled and the selection of their successors will be a matter that will be watched with keen interest. Dr. W. P. Few, a member of the faculty, and Mr. James H. Southgate, president of the board of trustees of Trinity College, are mentioned as probable successors to Dr. Kilgo. So far we have seen no names mentioned as possible successors to Dr. Ivey.

In connection with the Democratic primary elections for county officers to be held tomorrow afternoon the balloting should be rigidly restricted to Democratic voters. Unless a man is known to have been regularly voting the Democratic ticket very little consideration should be given to his mere pledge to support the nominees, for pledges are more easily made than kept. The primary will be scarcely more than a farce unless the judges draw the party line with absolute strictness.

S. and O. Club.

Mrs. T. A. Wilkins entertained the members of the S. and O. Club and several invited guests most pleasantly at her home on Oakland street. The afternoon was pleasantly spent playing trail, and delicious refreshments were served. The invited guests present were Mrs. C. R. Hoey, of Shelby; Mrs. S. A. Wilkins, Mrs. George A. Jenkins, Miss Tate and Miss Sarah Wilkins.

—Look for the comet tonight.

—Linwood College closed its session Tuesday morning and the majority of the young lady students left for their respective homes that afternoon. The past year was a most successful one.

—The Monroe Enquirer states that Prof. J. M. Massey, a blind musician who has been making his home at Monroe for several years, is in jail at Henderson, on the charge of passing bogus checks. Prof. Massey made his headquarters at Gastonia, it will be remembered, for some months about two years ago. He seems to have been successful in raising about \$300, possibly more, by forged checks.

COTTON MEN MEET.

Annual Session of American Cotton Manufacturers Association at Charlotte Largely Attended—A Visit to Power Plant at Great Falls, S. C.—Officers Elected for Coming Year.

The annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, which was held in Charlotte May 17-18, was the most successful gathering that body has had in years. More than five hundred men prominently engaged and identified with the manufacturing interests throughout the textile districts of the country gathered for a discussion of vital interest and things pertaining to their special lines of industries.

The discussions were relative to the sale of their products, the economy of coal using with proper air supply for combustion, the value of different kinds of coal, and condemnation of the manipulation methods of the cotton exchanges.

The association was the guest of the Southern Power Company on a trip to Great Falls, S. C., where one of the mammoth electric plants of the Southern Power Company is located.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson, president; Ellison A. Smith, of Greenville, S. C., vice-president; C. B. Bryant, of Charlotte, was re-elected secretary and treasurer. The new members of the board of governors are: W. E. Beattie, of Greenville, S. C.; W. T. Bryan, Athens, Ga.; Caesar Cone, Greensboro; Scott Maxwell, Cordova, Ga.; Carroll Baldwin, New York, and J. P. Eddy, Jr., Providence, R. I. Annual dues were increased from \$5 to \$10 per year.

Last year the association received 116 new members, lost 9 by death, 54 by resignation, leaving a membership of 1,115.

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, May 19.—Dr. H. E. Rowe, for the past four years a popular and successful physician of our town, moved today to Newton where he will in the future practice his profession. The people of Bessemer and community are genuinely sorry to see this rising young doctor move from their midst.—Dr. Royster, of Granville county, has moved here and will practice medicine among us.—Mr. Frank Hovis, of Marion, and formerly a druggist here, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sallie Hovis on route two.—Mrs. Lizzie Pasour, of Rutherfordton, a daughter, is visiting in the same home.—Mr. Sam B. Hovis left this morning for Lynchburg, Va., where he will engage in business during the summer months.—Mr. E. C. Wilson is a Charlotte visitor today.—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Scott have been attending the Cotton Spinners' Association in Charlotte this week.—Mr. James Murry has been very ill for the past few days but is somewhat improved now.—Mrs. M. E. Wolfe visited relatives in Cleveland county last week.—Mrs. W. L. Balthis, of Gastonia, is spending the week with Mrs. S. J. Durham.—Mr. Stover Clark, a former citizen of Bessemer, but now of Brevard, is spending a few days in the city.

That section of the county chain-gang force which has been at work near Kings Mountain broke camp Wednesday and moved over on the Cherryville and Bessemer road near Mr. T. S. Royster's. The people of this part of the county are delighted that this important road is to be completed at once.

The many friends of Deputy Sheriff C. W. Fuller are expecting him to secure the nomination for sheriff in the primaries Saturday.—There will be a special service in the Methodist church here next Sunday night in the interest of health. It will be a union service and the meeting will be addressed by Drs. D. A. Garrison and L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, and R. E. Garren, of Bessemer City. These gentlemen of the medical profession will lecture on tuberculosis and typhoid fever. This meeting should be largely attended.

BESSEMER CITY, ROUTE 1, NEWS

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, ROUTE 1, May 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Shrum and two daughters, Misses Vera and Mittle, of Maiden, attended communion services at St. Mark's church last Sunday.—Among those who attended commencement exercises at Dallas last week from around Cherryville, were Misses Orabell Clark, Cleo, Helen and Annie Pasour, Callie and May Allen, Messrs. Clarence and Erwin Beam, Forest Allen, John Beamguard and Charles Pasour. All report a pleasant time.

Communion services were con-

ducted at Bethel Lutheran church last Sunday. A large crowd was present.—Mr. J. Pasour and sons, Pritchard, Yates and Theodore, of Seattle, Wash., spent last Wednesday and Thursday with his brother, Mr. M. F. Pasour.—Miss Etta Pasour, of Dallas, is visiting her cousin, Miss Joanna Stroup.—There will be preaching at Hepsibah church the fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock.—Miss Mary Jane Baldwin is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Lula Hasten, near Bessemer.—Mr. Craig Dameron, of Bessemer City, spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives in Lincoln.—Mrs. Uenia Farris and children spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Clark, near Bessemer City.

MAY DEDUCT STATE BONDS.

Supreme Court Holds That Banks May Deduct State Bonds Before Listing Other Stocks for Taxation—Corporation Commission's Ruling Reversed.

A decision of State-wide interest was handed down Tuesday by the State Supreme Court in the case of the Raleigh Savings Bank vs. the North Carolina Corporation Commission. The following item regarding the case and the decision is from the Raleigh correspondence of The Charlotte Observer of Wednesday:

The noted State bond case of the Raleigh Savings Bank against the North Carolina Corporation Commission involving the right of banks in this State to deduct their holdings in State bonds from surplus before estimating the tax value of individual shares of stock, was one of fourteen in which opinions were announced this evening by the Supreme Court, the ruling being a reversal of the Corporation Commission that the court holds that these bonds can be deducted from the surplus under the acts of the legislature providing for the \$500,000 State hospital bonds and the \$3,500,000 refunding bonds, bids for which are to be opened by the State Treasurer tomorrow. The court is divided, three to two, the opinion of the court being written by Justice Manning, and dissents being filed by Chief Justice Clark and Associate Justice Hoke.

The court holds that the express terms of the acts authorizing the bonds and exempting them from all kinds of taxation, direct and indirect, even when constituting a part of the surplus of a bank, is constitutional, this being merely an extension by the Legislature of the exemptions to holdings in bonds, where as, heretofore the exemption has been limited to real estate and personal property of the corporation.

Justice Clarke and Hoke declare that the constitution the Legislature had no right to make such further exemptions which in this case extend to exempting \$4,000,000, from taxation for forty years. Chief Justice Clark closes his dissent with the statement, that in the light of the ruling of the majority of the court, bond buyers will claim, that the decision of the court is a contract for this exemption throughout forty years even though a future Legislature should strike out the exemption or the court reverse its majority ruling, and that his dissenting opinion will not be without its value if it puts the bond buyers on notice that if the act thus construed by the court is unconstitutional no valid contract of exemption of shares of stock has been granted. The opinion of the court and the two dissenting opinions are quite lengthy, containing numerous citations. The opinions were due tomorrow evening and are thus a day ahead of schedule so the bids for the refunding bonds tomorrow may benefit by the advantage gained by the banks in this case.

We Must Have More Horses.

Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

Economical farm production, or to put it another way, large production per worker is impossible with so low a horse-power. If any of our readers will study the statistics of American farming they will see that there is a direct relationship between the horse-power per farm worker and the earnings of each worker. Where the horse-power is the lowest the average earnings are lowest and where the number of horses per worker is largest there the average earnings per man are largest.

There is plant food in clouds, to be sure, but the plants can't get it. The clouds must be broken up, and to do this, there is no implement that will take the place of the harrow. Somebody told us that there are sections in the South where most farmers try to get along without a harrow, and we have been wondering about it ever since.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

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Most Suit Cases are too heavy for Ladies. But we solve the problem by our showing of the Wicker Suit Cases for Ladies. They are very convenient and awfully light in weight. Ask to see these Suit Cases at \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.

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—Mrs. J. W. Abernethy, of Charlotte, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Wilson on West Main avenue.

—The manly friends of Mr. E. W. Carson will regret to learn that he is quite ill at his home in the Pisgah neighborhood.

—Misses Bessie Ramsey and Rosa Wooten, of Gastonia, are here this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hull.—Rutherfordton Sun, 19th.

—Miss Maggie Gamble, of Bessemer City, left on No. 38 last night for Washington to attend the World's Sunday School Convention which began a session of several days yesterday. There are fifty-six delegates from North Carolina. The total attendance at this great gathering will be several thousand.

Mrs. George W. Pack and Mrs. Philip Rawlins, of Asheville, have donated \$5,000 each to the Mission hospital of that city.

Take Care of the Trees.
Mrs. F. L. Stevens, in Progressive Farmer.

A beautiful tree is not the result of a season's growth, nor even a lifetime's; a century is none too long to produce it, and for this reason it should have intelligent care. Many of our country churches and school houses are located in beautiful groves and it is often distressing to see these magnificent trees used commonly as hitching posts, the bark gnawed by the restless animals, or scarred by passing vehicles. Little effort on the part of the church attendants would be required to provide hitching posts, leaving the trees uninjured to fulfill their rightful mission, the adornment of the place of worship.

Lut Shaw, a negro, of Caswell county shot and mortally wounded C. S. Hurst, a groceryman from Danville, Va., at Yanceyville Monday.

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