

The Reidsville Review

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

THE REVIEW COMPANY
(Incorporated.)

HANTON OLIVER President
R. J. OLIVER Sec. and Treas.
WM. M. OLIVER V. President
\$1.50 PER YEAR

(Entered at the postoffice at Reidsville, N. C., as second class E. 12 mat. (M.))

AMERICA FIRST



"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

LOOK BEFORE LEAPING

Reidsville should make every investigation before giving any company a fighting franchise for the town. The Review has been charitable enough to say on different occasions that the Southern Power Company could produce electricity perhaps at a lower cost than the city, and also that the service might be more satisfactory.

The following from the High Point Enterprise throws an altogether different light on the situation. We are reproducing the editorial without comment:

FURNISHING NOTHING

"The service furnished the city of High Point by the North Carolina Public Service Company is little short of a disgrace to a progressive community. For months it has been apparent that the Public Service Company is doing about as little as it can do, and the condition is becoming intolerable to these manufacturing plants forced to depend upon Public Service for power to run machinery. There is a remedy for such service, and now is the time to apply it."

"For four hours yesterday afternoon there was no power. The Enterprise did not get its press started until shortly after six o'clock, and then the power was off again, on again, for a considerable period. Other plants in the city, depending upon electric power, had to shut down at 2:30 o'clock. If such a happening did not come so frequent the Enterprise would feel that it was in a position to excuse the poor service for one day, but the same has been occurring for months and months. The Public Service, to all appearances, is making no effort to better the service it is supposed to be giving."

"The street car service offered here is so poor that a person can do better by walking. In fact, those who have to be at their offices or place of employment in the morning on time are forced to walk. The same condition exists in the afternoon. If the Public Service is making any attempt to remedy this condition it is not apparent, except that some new cars have been ordered. We are told they will better the service, but cannot run without electric power."

"The city of High Point holds the franchise for furnishing electric lights to the city. Because of this fact, and that only High Point is given a rate just one half of what Greensboro pays. The city did a wise act when it refused to surrender the franchise to the Public Service. The city will do an even wiser act if it will build its municipal electric light plant and furnish current to the city at what it costs to produce it, plus a reasonable amount of profit. We have the statement of men who have studied the proposition that the city can make clear and above expenses, \$12,000 a year on a municipal plant, and that it can furnish High Point with service a city of this class should have."

"A thunder storm 25 miles, or 50 miles from High Point, cuts off power for this city. With a plant here in High Point such could not occur. The Public Service cannot furnish High Point with service when the source of its power is so far removed from the city. It has made excuse after excuse, but what is an excuse unless a speedy remedy is applied? High Point citizens ought to ask the city council to provide this city with municipally-owned plant in order that the city may have service."

LENT: 1917

February 21, was Ash Wednesday and is the Church's appointed season for the more definite cultivation of personal religion. The forty days are as than one-tenth of the year. Do not crowd all the year's devotion into Use it as a time to know yourself: your weakness, your desires, your sins. Do not go after a devotional cord but strive to formulate a program of conduct for the future. Lent but a means to an end. So observe your Lent that you may always keep it in view and it will always help you to realize it. There are many people who ask in question and we give below a short explanation. It is, first of all, a fact. Lent is

some 1800 years old. It will be kept this year, with more or less devotion, by some three hundred and fifty million Christian in the world. Its aim is the development of Christian character. Christian character means:

1. The power to make a sharp, clear distinction between right and wrong, between obedience and disobedience, between righteousness and sin.
2. The it means self-control and discipline.
3. It means loyalty to the character and purpose and aim of Jesus Christ.
4. It means charity toward men.
5. It means growth away from that which is earthly, sensual and dying, and growth toward that which is high, spiritual, godly and immortal.

Lent is a call for the development of such character, and a time when the Church deliberately sets herself about its development. It is a revival of the Christ man within us.

The lessons of Lent are of inestimable value. We all need them. They will help us to discern the things of real value in life, to subdue and control our selfish and sinful impulses, and if we learn them aright they will bring peace to body, soul and spirit. If a real Lent were universally observed, and its lesson learned, war and discord would speedily end, the gulf that divides labor and capital, rich and poor, great and lowly, would be bridged by the bond of heavenly love; sectarian pride and strife would cease, every man would be a brother to his fellow, and strive to promote the happiness and well-being of all humanity.

THE BEST SECRETARY.

Some of the New York Republicans never lose an opportunity to "joke fun" at Secretary of Navy Daniels. However, people who know, or ought to know, his qualifications as Secretary of the Navy, do not hesitate to praise him. Mrs. George Dewey says her husband felt for Mr. Daniels a sincere affection, and that only a short time ago the admiral said: "I have been in the navy sixty two years and have served under many secretaries of the navy, but Secretary Daniels is the best secretary we have ever had, and has done more for the navy than any other. I am amazed by his knowledge of technical matters. He has studied profoundly and his opinion is founded on close observation."

Governor Bickett made five suggestions and laid down many broad principles in his inaugural address, but he referred to nothing of a material nature in a more forcible and picturesque way than the following arraignment of the policy of growing one crop mainly and buying food for man and beast. "If I were the Czar of North Carolina instead of the Governor, I would issue an edict declaring that from and after five years from date any man who imported into North Carolina any corn or meal, wheat or flour, beef or bacon, should be forthwith hanged without trial by jury and without benefit of clergy. Of course in the beginning I would be denounced as an infamous tyrant, but after the law had been in effect for ten years the richest State in the Union would build a monument to me as the financial redeemer of my people."

Governor Bickett's message to the Legislature urging the passage of the farm life bill is one of the finest arguments we have read in some time. It was effective with the members of the senate who lost no time in passing the bill. Governor Bickett has earned the name of the "farmer's friend."

Food riots in New York! This high price of living and scarcity of food-stuffs situation is getting serious. It is up to the farmers to relieve the shortage and get rich all at the same time.

THE LAWSONVILLE ROAD

In the list of roads designated by the county commissioners to be sand clayed, as published in Tuesday's Review, the Reidsville-Lawsonville road is put down as three miles. The distance from Reidsville to Lawsonville is seven miles. Whether or not the three miles was an error, or that only a three mile stretch of this road was to be so we do not know. But we hope the commissioners will see to it that this important road is improved all the way to the Caswell line. The residents along this road are willing to make liberal contributions in labor as well as rights of way and the use of topsoil. If this road were put in good condition it would be the means of greatly increasing our trade with Caswell county.

The road at present is in very bad condition. The steep hill beyond Lawsonville is almost impassable and acts as an effective blockade to traffic from the part of Caswell county that road leads to. Mr. S. H. Butler and other citizens of that section have had to help haul out stalled wagons on that hill quite frequently this winter. The distance to the Caswell line from Reidsville is about nine miles

It is almost a dead level to Lawsonville and by proper surveys an easy grade could be made across the creek beyond Lawsonville which would make this road a very important feeder for Reidsville.

VICTORY FOR THE SMALL FARMER

By a vote of three to one the Senate put itself on record in favor of giving the tenant-farmers of North Carolina the measure of relief so earnestly sought for them by Governor Bickett. The vote on the Governor's crop lien bill was as decisive as it is encouraging to those who for years have waged war on the present iniquitous system.

The action of the Senate was a victory for small farmers of North Carolina such as has not been witnessed before in a generation. If the House concurs in the Senate's action and this bill becomes a law, that achievement alone will be sufficient to mark the Bickett administration as the beginning of a new era of democracy and opportunity in this Commonwealth.

The bill was put upon its passage immediately after the reading of the Governor's special message urging favorable action. And the vote left no room for doubt that the General Assembly is ready to stand by Governor Bickett in his efforts to fulfill his most cherished hope. To members of the General Assembly the Governor laid bare that hope when in his message he said:

"The task this administration has assigned itself is to do for the agricultural development of the State a work that will at least resemble the work done by the beloved Aycock for our educational development. I am irrevocably committed and consecrated to the work of securing for the men and women on the farm whose lives have been hard and of the hope they have never known. Their faces, pale as picked cotton, are before me always, and as I write I feel the pleading touch of cold, thin hands."

If this bill becomes a law it will destroy the arch enemy of the industrious poor man who tills the soil. It will break the chains that now bind him and set the tenant-farmer free in North Carolina for the first time in the history of the State—free to work out his own salvation and become independent, home-owning citizen. It will destroy an evil that has done more than all other things combined to retard the progress of the ninety and nine who toil in the field. That such an evil exists and should be destroyed was admitted in the Senate by one of the opponents of the Bickett Crop Lien Bill who offered as a substitute for that measure a bill to repeal the crop lien law entirely.

It yet remains for the House to pass the Governor's bill. And the majority in the House should be just as decisive as it was in the Senate. As we have pointed out before, this bill has been carefully worked out. It is no half-baked measure. After it had been framed by the Governor and others who have given the matter much thought, it was considered for many days by the Senate committee which reported it favorably with only one dissenting vote. Now it has passed the Senate by an overwhelming majority. It is by all odds the biggest and most important measure yet advanced by the Bickett administration. It is through the operation of this law that the Governor hopes to fulfill his pledge to translate tenants into landlords. We hope and believe, that there will be no serious opposition when it comes up in the House.—News and Observer.

IMPROVEMENT IN OUR METHOD OF FIGHTING FIRES

There is a movement on foot among our town commissioners to bring to a higher state of perfection our method of dealing with fires in the town. Lack of space prevents our giving this matter full publicity, but we give a small description so that the public may have an idea of what it is like in another column of our paper today.

There will be an opportunity for the young men in our town to take a more active part in this department of our community life if the plans of the commissioners are carried out.

RUSSIANS AND GERMANS ALLIED FIGHT WOLVES

A wolf hunt in which both Russian and German soldiers joined is described in correspondence from the Polish front. Parties of Russian and German scouts met recently and were hotly engaged in a skirmish when a large pack of wolves dashed on the scene and attacked the wounded. Hostilities were at once suspended, and Germans and Russians instinctively attacked the pack, killing about fifty of the wolves. After the hunt the soldiers separated, each party returning unmolested to its own trenches.

Wentworth's Ladies' Aid Society is giving another play and is sufficient proof that there will be lots of interesting scenes and good singing. February 23 is the date.

APPROACHING LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION AT WILMINGTON

On March 28th and 29th there will be held at Wilmington, under the auspices of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization of Baltimore, and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service State Department of Agriculture, and the transportation lines co-operating, a most important livestock exposition and conference directed toward the development of the idle lands in the whole State, and for the purpose of influencing farmers and landowners, and bankers, on the importance of livestock growing.

Wilmington is rapidly developing a packing interest, which will result in doing away with the economic loss the South has heretofore sustained through shipping hogs and other livestock to distant points, and then paying a higher freight rate on the finished product for consumption.

This conference ought to have definite results in the way of the stimulating the growing of hogs and livestock throughout the whole State and at the monthly meeting of the Commercial & Agricultural Association, held the 29th inst., the following resolution were adopted in regard to the meeting:

Whereas: A State-wide Livestock Exposition and Conference will be held at Wilmington, March 28th and 29th under the auspices of the Southern Settlement & Development Organization of Baltimore, and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, State Department of Agriculture, and the transportation lines, co-operating, and

Whereas: The encouragement of the livestock industry is essential to the development of the idle and unused lands of North Carolina, and this conference is for the purpose of stimulating interest among the farmers, landowners, and the bankers in the importance of livestock growing and bringing to the attention of the entire State what can be accomplished along this line with the proper effort, and

Whereas, the sessions of the conference will be devoted to practical discussions of subjects relating to Animal Husbandry, with an exhibit of pure bred cattle and hogs from different sections of the State. Therefore be it resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, and given to our local paper for publication.

Fly Ahead, Pointing Out Weak Spots in Enemy Lines.

The steamship Chicago, which has just arrived from Europe, brought in thirty-nine French soldiers on the way to their homes in Canada on furlough. Robert McCreary of East Aurora, N. Y., and Frederick Zinn of Chicago, the former a driver for the American ambulance corps and the latter an American aviator, come from the front to spend their leave with relatives. Zinn was wounded while serving in the foreign legion and spent five months in a hospital. His later activities have been in the aviation branch of the service.

"Aviators," he said, "are now leading regiments and sometimes whole divisions in charges against the Germans. A capable aviator rises high above the German lines and then signals with a system known as optical telegraphy to the commands beneath him. It is much like the fire control on battleships, where the men at the guns do not see the target, but are able to strike it. The signaling system has just been perfected. When an advance of infantry is ordered the men are not only directed, but the lines are guided away from exceptional peril and toward weak spots in the enemy line. In other words, the work of a general or colonel in directing an advance now devolves on a lieutenant occupying an observer's seat in an airplane."

World's Crop Estimates.

Official world crop production estimates for 1916, just made public by the department of agriculture, show: Wheat (seventeen leading countries), 2,478,000,000 bushels, 25.3 per cent less than the 1915 crop; rye (eleven countries), 989,000,000 bushels, 5.2 per cent less than 1915; barley (sixteen countries), 1,023,000,000 bushels, 8.6 per cent less than 1915; oats (fourteen countries), 3,158,000,000 bushels, 13.6 per cent less than in 1915; corn (six countries), 2,744,000,000 bushels, 14.6 per cent less than in 1915; cotton (United States, India, Japan and Egypt), 17,071,000 equivalent 500 pound bales, 7.9 per cent more than in 1915. India's 1917 wheat acreage is forecast as an increase of 8 per cent over 1916, flax 3 per cent less and cotton 19 per cent more, with cotton production indicated at 22 per cent greater than the last year.

Longest Name in Michigan.

On page 896 of Kalamazoo's new city directory may be found the name of Polybus Theodoreoumoundorogotopoulos, a waiter in a restaurant. It is said of Theodoreoumoundorogotopoulos that his name of eleven syllables and twenty-eight letters is not only the longest in the directory, but also longer than that of any other resident of Michigan.—Detroit News.

In a welding process of German invention magnetism is employed to deposit all of the molten metal on the desired place. Watch repairing—Jas. W. Manuel.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATTERS

(By Prof. L. N. Hickerson)

The county commencement of the public schools will be held on Saturday April 21st, 1917. The program will consist of an address by a prominent speaker, declamation and recitation contest, spelling contests, etc. At the suggestion of Mr. W. K. Gibbs, the County Superintendent has worked out an oral and quick written arithmetic contest. Mr. Gibbs has offered a cash prize of \$5.00 to the winner. The purpose of this contest is to stimulate interest in simple, practical every day arithmetic. The contest is only open to those who complete the seventh grade, and the rules and regulations governing the contest have been mailed to every school in the county. The following subjects will be included:

Notation and enumeration, multiplication, addition, subtraction, addition, etc., common fractions, simple decimal fractions, simple oral analysis, simple denominate numbers, simple practical measurements, simple interest and percentage. The contest will be held at the county commencement, and the winner will be delivered the prize at the time.

In order to encourage the habit of wise saving and experience of money, a "Thrift Essay" contest will be held. The following has been sent to all the schools of the county:

THRIFT ESSAY CONTEST FOR ALL THE SCHOOLS IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Mr. S. S. Straus, resident of the American Society for Thrift has offered a fine gold medal for the best essay on "Thrift", to be awarded under the following rules and regulations:

First—This is open to pupils of all the schools of Rockingham County public or private, city or rural, high school or elementary school.

Second—The essay can be as short as the writer wants to make it, but must not contain over one thousand words.

Third—The writer can gather material from any source or sources, but the essay must be in the writer's own language and an original production.

Fourth—As many as desire can enter from any one school, but only a single essay from each school will be allowed in the county contest. The teacher of each school will determine the manner of selecting the single essay.

Fifth—Each essay must be sent to the office of county superintendent of schools, Wentworth, N. C., not later than April 15th, with the name and address of the writer, name of school and grade.

Sixth—Five competent judges will be appointed to decide on the best essay consisting of a banker, a lawyer, one teacher, one farmer and one manufacturer.

Seventh—The winner of the essay will read it at the county commencement on Saturday, April 21st and the medal will be awarded at that time.

Please remember that this contest will be fair and open to all the schools. The medal has been ordered and it is hoped that this contest will prove interesting and beneficial.



Talks on Tailoring By the Needle Master

YOU'LL be pleased when you slip on your new Spring suit if it's made to your measure by

THE GLOBE TAILORING CO. OF CINCINNATI.

Whether your choice be a Conservative or Extreme English Model, "NEEDLE-MOLDED" Clothes will surely please you.

See the 500 beautiful Fabrics including Palm Beaches, Linens, Silks, Priestley Mohairs, Kool Krashes and Tropical Worsteds.

Choose your pattern now while the line is complete.

STYLES THAT SPARKLE WITH YOUTH

J. S. HUTCHINSON

New Line of SPRING SWEATERS

Ask us about the "MADELLITE" Coat

When you have anything to sell, advertise in our Business Builders, five cents per line for one insertion; 10 cents per line for three insertions.

The pretty girls, the "charming widow," and the "Sweet Girl Graduate" will all be there in "Scenes in a Union Depot".

CREDIT TO ALL!

Our Line of Lades' and Men's Ready-to-Wear is almost complete and ready for your inspection.

WHY YOU SHOULD BUY YOUR EASTER SUIT FROM US

Because we have the Latest Styles from which to select from. You can buy one of our Easter Suits on our Easy Payment plan; you will never miss your money. \$1. a week pays the bill! AT

TANENHAUS

"Where Your Credit is Good"

9 N. Scales St. Opp. Postoffice