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Weekly Argus

The National Bank of Goldsboro
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 with you.
 GEO. A. NORWOOD, President
 M. J. BEST, Vice-President

"This Argus o'er the people's rights
 Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Maia's son,
 Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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The Bank Situation Here

The National Bank and the Goldsboro Savings and Trust Company are Both Absolutely Unimpaired.

COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE UNSHAKEN

President Norwood Personally Makes All Shortage Good

HE IS A MAN IN A MILLION

Those who may think that journalism is all joy—if they think that all will realize as they peruse this publication that painful duties to the public sometimes confront us that must be performed.

It is not our purpose to moralize nor pen a homily, but simply to make an authoritative statement in regard to the recent bank revelations here that are now the talk of the community and the subject of enquiry throughout the State.

On February 3rd the State Bank Examiner found the books of the National Bank out of balance, and the management at once employed an expert auditor to locate the trouble. H. C. Smith, who held clerical position in the bank as book keeper, was found responsible; he confessed and made over cash and property to nearly make the shortage good. Having previously been cashier of the Savings & Trust Company, an investigation was started by its management and in books formerly kept by H. C. Smith a shortage was found amounting to about \$50,000.00: an exact figure cannot yet be given.

Mr. Geo. A. Norwood, the president borrowed at once from his brothers cash enough to make the shortage good and deposited it in the Savings & Trust Company and guaranteed, in case any further shortage was found to deposit cash to cover it and to see that every depositor was paid every cent.

The bank continues business with renewed energy, and to the credit of the people of Goldsboro, evidencing their stable character, splendid mettle and unapproachable public spirit, as well as their confidence in and their real admiration for such manhood as Geo. A. Norwood has displayed in this crisis, the said affair—that sorrows so many hearts and blights the lives of those that should rather be shielded and brightened—has, so far as affecting the banking business of the city, been reduced to a mere incident, causing no run on either bank, nor any shaking of confidence in their financial soundness, nor readiness to meet any demands made upon them.

The admirable, manly course pursued by Mr. Norwood in instantly setting to work to ferret out discrepancies the moment the bank examined called suspicious circumstances to his attention; his prompt, open and unequivocal taking the public into his confidence and bulletining the facts at the bank door, including his personal statement, which was taken at its coin value, that all shortages had been made good, backed by telegrams from his brothers and other banks tendering him hundreds of thousands of dollars, so thoroughly won public admiration and maintained—and even increased public confidence—till from every lip the same spoken plaudits came, as a tribute to his revealed character and heroic sense of public confidence and personal responsibility. —"George A. Norwood is a man in a Million."

Every man in Goldsboro is a better man today than he was yesterday because of this splendid lesson in manhood evinced by Mr. Norwood, challenging the admiration of the community, and this admiration is itself uplifting and strengthening. Every observant boy in the town is the beneficiary in that he will be influenced to emulate and measure up to such a man.

As further assurance of safety to all concerned the following statement speaks for itself:

"The Goldsboro Savings & Trust Company, has had a loss of around \$50,000.00 through defalcation of H. C. Smith. The President, Mr. Geo. A. Norwood, has deposited that amount to make good this loss and guaranteed every depositor against loss of one cent of principal or interest.

"The bank will continue with renewed energy.

G. A. NORWOOD
 GEO. C. ROYALL,
 M. J. BEST,
 LESLIE WEIL,
 F. B. EDMUNDSON,
 W. T. YELVERTON,
 E. L. EDMUNDSON,
 GEO. E. CRABTREE,
 Directors."

WILSON ANXIOUS FOR EARLY VOTE

Believes Majority of Democrats Favor Repeal

IS TAKEN AS ANSWER

Statement Given Out by President Is Considered As Reply to Charges That Democratic Platform Calls For Free Tolls.

Washington, March 23.—President Wilson declared today that, in seeking the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption, he not only was asking that the nation do that which it was bound in honor to do, but was going the way of the majority in the Democratic party. He pointed out that when the Panama Canal act passed a majority of the Democrats then in the House voted against the tolls exemption, and that only by a coalition of a minority of Democrats with a number of Republicans did the measure become law.

This announcement was taken in administration circles as the President's answer to argument that the Baltimore platform made the tolls exemption Democratic doctrine. The President is understood to believe that the majority opinion of the Democrats in the House as last expressed, was a result of more deliberate consideration of the question than was possible at the Baltimore convention.

For that tired feeling and shortness of breath, take Pan-Cre-To. It relieves by curing the cause, at Williams' Drug Store.

APPRECIATED

Editor Argus:—I wish to express through the Argus, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the kindness, good attention and splendid service given my wife while a patient in The Goldsboro Hospital. She was operated on three weeks ago. The operation was a very difficult and serious one, but was so thoroughly and intelligently done, and Miss Linney, the superintendent, and the other nurses were so kind and attentive, that I am able to take my wife home today entirely restored.

I cannot give expression in words to my appreciation and my gratitude. I think The Goldsboro Hospital is prepared now to give as good service as can be had at Richmond, Baltimore or anywhere in the world.

Mrs. Ham and I shall always be glad that she came to The Goldsboro Hospital. The people of Goldsboro have cause to be proud of this great institution.

EDMUND D. HAM,
 Pikeville, N. C., March 19, 1914.

Mr. Will Swinson, proprietor of the Manhattan Cafe, which is one of the best cafes in the State and caters to the patronage of both ladies and gentlemen, had a most unfortunate experience last night.

An unusually physical man, a Mr. W. R. Pemberton, very much under the influence of drink, came in the cafe about 11 o'clock last night and took a seat at one of the tables. There were a number of guests being served in the place at the time, and the waiters were out filling orders. Before a waiter appeared to take Pemberton's order he became very restless and fractious, whereupon Mr. Swinson came to him and offered to take his order himself. This seemed to infuriate Pemberton, who, to do him justice he it said, seemed to be insanely intoxicated, and he at once rose and made at Mr. Swinson with a drawn knife. Mr. Swinson tried to reason with him, but gave back as the man continued to bear down upon him, and even ran into the kitchen to escape. Pemberton followed him to there and out into the cafe again, and as Swinson could not get away he presented his pistol and told Pemberton that he must desist or take the consequences, and as the latter still approached Swinson shot him—shooting three times before he stopped his assault.

It was an exciting time, but those who witnessed the unfortunate occurrence say that Mr. Swinson acted entirely in self-defense.

Pemberton was promptly conveyed to The Goldsboro Hospital, where he is receiving every possible attention and though suffering very much from shock and the consequences of his drunken debauch combined, it is hoped this his unusual physique will tide him over the ordeal, although it is going to be a close call.

Mr. Swinson is under \$1,000 bond, given at the preliminary hearing this morning, which was continued for several days, until the nature of Mr. Pemberton's wounds develop.

The wounded man is 36 years old and has lived at Mt. Olive for several years, coming here with his father from the North. His father is now with him at the hospital.

AMERICANS AND MEXICANS ENGAGE IN BATTLE

United States Soldiers Made Targets For Heavy Rifle Fire

MEXICANS REPORTED KILLED

Warring Factions Across the River Have Been Repeatedly Warned Not to Fire Across Border. Lesson Costly One.

Eagle Pass, Texas, March 23.—Mexican Federal soldiers who attempted to pursue with rifle bullets a defeated Constitutional force escaping to the United States and safety, met sharp resistance yesterday from United States cavalry on border patrol at McKees Crossing above Del Rio, Texas. When three horses held by the American troopers had been shot down, the Americans returned the fire across the Rio Grande and after the exchange of shots, the Mexicans withdrew bearing with them several dead and wounded.

No American was hurt. How many of the Mexican soldiers were killed or wounded is not known.

Official reports of the occurrence to Col. Sibley, commanding at Fort Clark here, caused our cavalry on the border patrol to proceed to Del Rio.

One troop and gun platoon left Eagle Pass today. Another engagement between Mexican Federals and Constitutionalists is expected tomorrow in the same territory. The clash across the international line was precipitated according to official reports, by persistent firing of the Federals at the fleeing Constitutionalists, who had gained American territory and surrendered to United States troops. For ten minutes Capt. Winterburn, of troop E, 14th cavalry, signalled the Federals to cease firing, but reported that his signals were disregarded and his own men were in danger. He then ordered the Americans, a detachment of 15 troopers, to fire, and a sharp fusillade followed, lasting for about five minutes.

Washington, March 23.—Frank approval of the action of the American troopers who returned the fire of Mexican Federals at Del Rio yesterday was expressed here today in official circles. News of the incident was received at the War Department as an incident of border patrol work, and created no great stir.

FOR CONGRESS.

For some time my friends have importuned me to become a candidate for Congress. I have thought the matter over very carefully and have decided to enter the race. I consider it a worthy ambition to represent the Third District in the U. S. Congress and I take this method of announcing my candidacy to the voters of the district, subject to the nomination of the Democratic Congressional Convention. If my friends accord me the honor to serve them I shall do so faithfully as I know how, and to this end I promise them I shall be satisfied only when I have given my most careful attention to every interest of the District.

CHAS. S. WALLACE,
 Morehead City, N. C.

FOR RENT—Newly constructed 9-room house—2 story—light and gas conveniences—near Union station. E. A. Simkins.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF WAYNE COUNTY.

I will be a candidate for the nomination for Treasurer of Wayne County at the next Democratic County Convention to select county candidates and I will appreciate your thoughtful consideration of my long service to the party and will be grateful for your help.

I have always given freely and gladly to the cause of the Democratic party whenever my funds or services were required, and I feel that I can, consistently, and without apology, ask for this evidence of your appreciation and friendship.

It is certainly gratifying to me to be able to say that already a large number of Wayne County's best citizens have pledged me their support: in fact, I am warranted in believing that my expectations will be fully realized.

If nominated and elected, the business of the office of Treasurer will, I promise, be carried on and conducted with conscientious care, efficiency and fidelity.

It is generally conceded that the Treasurer of the County should reside in the county seat for the greater convenience of the public, and this being my home, I shall always be readily found by those having business with the Treasurer.

Sincerely,
 JNO. W. EDWARDS.
 Goldsboro, N. C., March 24, 1914.

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

On last Friday evening at 8 o'clock there was held at Falling Creek High School one of the triangular debates of Wayne County between the high schools of Pikeville and Falling Creek. The query was the same that was debated throughout the state that night, Mr. Bayard Aycock and Mr. John Fleming of Pikeville High School upheld the negative. Mr. Carson Johnson and Mr. David Rose supported the affirmative for Falling Creek. All the speeches showed thought and ability. The judges, Messrs. Norwood and Yelverton, and Rev. Snow, of Goldsboro, cast two votes for the negative, thus giving the victory to that side.

At the same time Falling Creek sent two debaters, Messrs. Sam McCulein and Chas. Grant to Seven Springs. There they upheld the negative, while Messrs. Lawrence Jarman and Elbert Maxwell of Seven Springs. The judges were Messrs. Williams and Aycock of Rocky Mount, and Mr. Whitehurst of New Bern. The victory was a unanimous one for Falling Creek.

Misses Dessie Grantham and Myrtle Horney of Falling Creek faculty, and Miss Hattie Holland and Mr. Ingram Bizzell went to Seven Springs for the debate Friday night.

The condition of Mr. J. F. McCullen's little child continues to be serious.

The Par-Hill play scheduled for last Saturday night at Falling Creek was not given on account of the snow.

Mrs. Wade Best is ill in The Goldsboro Hospital.

Mrs. Eliza Hood of Goldsboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. McCullen.

Miss Myrtle Rose, accompanied by her friend Miss Ruth King, both of

whom are teaching near Princeton spent the week-end at the home of Miss Rose. They spent at Mr. G. M. Warrick's.

Misses Bessie Dees of Pikeville and Myrtle Horney of Falling Creek were in town Friday night for the purpose of attending the school commencement.

Mrs. W. A. Whitfield delightfully entertained the ladies of the school faculty at her home last Tuesday night.

Supt. E. T. Atkinson was present at the debate last Friday night.

Last Friday afternoon there was held at the school a preliminary high school contest in recitation. The fol-

lowing young ladies contested: Misses Annie and Lizzie Grantham, Elma Stevens, Georgia McCullen, and Esther Rose. Miss Stevens was chosen to represent our School in the County Commencement.

Misses Glenn Thompson and Laura Herring spent Monday and Tuesday in Mount Olive.

Honor Roll of Falling Creek School. First Grade—Sudie Cox, Ella Rose, Annie Myers, Luby Myers, Mary Belle Cox, Fannie Pittman, Ruby Faircloth James Daniels, Glenn Weaver, Mary Coats, Robie Coats, Mercie Carter, Emma Hood, Harvey Myers.

Second Grade—Lenwood Hood, Henry Murphy, Rosa Pittman, Hubert Rose, Ella Langston, Sallie Brown, Charlie Best.

Third Grade—Isabel Cox, Sammie Lambert, Willie Neel, Leon Rose, Tommie Hood, Josephine Rose.
 Fourth Grade—Zelder Pittman, Wiley Bordeaux, Harry Daniel, Inez Hollowman, Bessie Peel, Eunice Taylor, Fifth Grade—Bessie Carter, Goldie Herring, Rommie Hollowell.
 Sixth Grade—Diana Grantham, Estelle Stevens, Louise Blackman, Thelma Taylor, Mabel Peel.
 Seventh Grade—Murray Blackman, Roxie Blackman, Delodius Brown, Iona Haskett, Marlon Herring, Chloe Pittman, James Rose, Claude Sanderson, Bertha Taylor, Nettie Wright.
 Eighth Grade—Elma Stevens.
 Ninth Grade—E. A. Stevens, Hattie Holland, Mary Cox, Luby Warrick.
 Tenth Grade—Annie Sutton.

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