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TRADE EXTENSION SALE BEGINS NEXT SATURDAY.

Merchants of Wadesboro Co-Operating in Biggest Mercantile Event in History of Pee Dee Section—Every One Within Radius of 50 Miles Invited to Attend.

Beginning next Saturday, November 10th, the merchants of Wadesboro (practically every business man of the town co-operating) will inaugurate the largest and most comprehensive mercantile campaign ever pulled off in this section of North Carolina. A page advertisement in another part of this paper, signed by all the participants in the event, announces the beginning next Saturday of the trade extension sale which will continue for 15 business days, closing on November 27th. There are also a large number of individual advertisements in the 16 pages of this issue of The M. & I., making individual announcements of the event.

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ALL TEACHERS ARE PRETTY.

New Bern Sun-Journal.

The institute for public service has started a movement to persuade cartoonists to portray teachers as pretty women, rather than "perfect frights." It is much in earnest, believing that pictures showing our feminine instructors of youth to be "homely as a rail fence," without beauty of face or grace of person, tend to breed disrespect not only for the school teachers but for the educational system in general. The ungallant conduct of some cartoonists is explicable only to the theory that they have retained that false sense of boyhood wrongs, or probably deserved punishment at the hands of early teachers and are now taking revenge.

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INSULIN NOW 3 CENTS A UNIT

Indianapolis Chemists Make Cure Available to the Poor.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 29.—Insulin, the specific for sugar diabetes, a recent discovery, is now in production to meet the world's needs at a price intended to make it available to the poorest sufferers, it was disclosed today.

Inquiries for insulin are coming in from all quarters of the globe. Between 25,000 and 30,000 diabetic patients now are under the insulin treatment, according to clinical reports which, in reporting thousands of tests, have shown no failures.

Insulin is made from the extracts of the pancreas glands of healthy slaughtered house animals and is a clear liquor in small bottles with a rubber stopper which can be punctured with a needle. The injections are made by the hypodermic process administered by physicians.

Dr. Frederick G. Banting, awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his part in the discovery of insulin, has refused all compensation for insulin, and an Indianapolis firm of manufacturing chemists, which has obtained exclusive rights to make the preparation, has set a price of 3 cents a unit.

Not What He Meant

"There are some ungodly young men over in that corner having fun with the girls," announced the preacher solemnly as he paused in the middle of his sermon and pointed accusingly in the direction of the graceless youths.

"When they get done," he continued ponderously, "perhaps they will give me a chance."

And he could not understand why the congregation smiled.

The Difference.

Not all these so-called brokers are alike. Some make you broke. Some make you broker. — Judge.

MRS. R. D. ROSS.

Mrs. Julia V. Ross, wife of Dr. R. D. Ross, died last Sunday afternoon about 6 o'clock at the Anson Sanatorium, after a long illness, during the latter part of which her condition was such that her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Ross underwent treatment for a number of weeks in a Charlotte hospital, but was brought back to Wadesboro several days before the end came.

She was the daughter of the late John J. Dunlap and Mrs. C. V. Dunlap, being a member of one of the best known families of the county. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Misses Louise and Virginia Ross, of Wadesboro, and Miss Jennings Ross, who is a student at Salem College, and one son, George. She is also survived by two brothers, John J. and Fred Dunlap, and the following sisters: Mesdames L. D. Robinson, L. G. Atkinson, Fred J. Cox, J. M. Covington, Miss Johnnie Dunlap. An account of Mrs. Ross's life, by her pastor, Rev. W. R. Shelton, will appear next week.

TELLS OF EXPERIENCES WITH BIG SNAKES IN GA.

Monroe Enquirer.

Mr. Sam P. Little, who lives in Buford township, was in the years 1894-1895 living in Appling county, Georgia, the home of big rattlesnakes. He, therefore, was much interested in the big rattler which was recently killed on the Stack road, near Richardson creek, and he was of the opinion no such reptiles were to be found in Union county. Mr. Little then related several experiences he had with big snakes while he was living in Ga.

"Once," said he, "while in charge of a turpentine camp in Appling county, early one morning we heard heartrending screams from one of the employes who was gathering resin from trees in the forest. Grabbing my shot-gun, I made all haste to his aid. He proved to be a colored youth belonging to the camp. As the boy was at work an enormous rattlesnake had struck him on the hip. But the boy's overalls were covered with the pitch he was gathering and the snake's fangs had become fastened in the cloth and had not scratched the flesh. The boy was literally crazed with fear and he had run all of a hundred yards before the snake had become loosed from him. Running up and realizing the situation I shot the rattler, which measured eight feet in length and was big as a man's leg. It weighed nearly 50 pounds."

Mr. Little said the hands at the turpentine camp were so unnerved by the experience of one of their number that no more work was done that day.

"A rattlesnake," further stated Mr. Little, "is a queer animal. Sometimes they are difficult to arouse and at other times they are mean and will strike and fight anything in sight. People should remember that a snake can strike a distance equal to its length, and poisonous species are more active than they are generally believed to be."

"I was out hunting one morning," said Mr. Little, "accompanied by a colored man. Our dog was ahead of us some hundred yards when he cried out in a peculiar manner, and we knew a snake had bitten him. The animal ran to us and there were fang marks more than an inch apart just back of his left shoulder. The dog became unconscious and he was dead in less than ten minutes."

"Did you find the snake that bit the dog?" some one asked.

"No," said Mr. Little, "we were in a swamp and it would have been almost suicidal to have done so. We went home with no heart to hunt more that day."

CONFINES HIS ADVICE TO PEDESTRIANS TO ONE SENTENCE.

Letter in Goldsboro News.

If things keep on as they are now going, our advice to a fellow would be for him to keep severely off the highways, unless he is with somebody or by himself, and then he had better take to the woods every time he hears or sees anything, unless he is spiritually prepared to join the choir up yonder, or does not mind shoveling coal down below, for if he don't keep both eyes "skunt" he will get his chunk put out so quickly he would lose all the fun there might be in it, and perhaps not have enough of himself left for a first-class funeral for the way folks are being killed is simply appalling, but still, if sifted down to the real facts, there is only two things accountable for it, and they are simply dare-devil recklessness and inexcusable carelessness.

Where the Goats Come From, Too—SAW A NEW TURKEY BORN AT ANGORA.

—Headline in The New York Times.

WADESBORO DRY GOODS CO. DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Blaze of Unknown Origin Guts Big Department Store Last Night—Little of Stock Saved—Will Rebuild as Soon as Possible—Loss of Nearly \$100,000 Partially Covered by Insurance.

A fire which was discovered about 9:30 o'clock last night completely gutted the big department store of the Wadesboro Dry Goods Co., the loss being estimated at close to \$100,000. A large part of the interior of the store was ablaze when the flames were discovered, and by the time the fire truck arrived and streams of water could be started the blaze was breaking through the roof. All the walls are standing, and it is believed they are still good, but the interior of the store is almost completely gone. The stock is a complete loss, with the exception of a good many shoes which were in the ell opening on Wade St. and a few dry goods near the front of the store on Green street. All these are damaged somewhat either by smoke or water.

Mr. K. W. Ashcraft states that there was stock to the value of between \$80,000 and \$85,000 in the building. Considering the small salvage and the complete burning out of the interior and roof of the main store the loss can not be much if any less than \$100,000. The company had either \$52,500 or \$53,250 insurance on stock and building combined. It was probably the largest stock the company had ever carried, and the loss is made heavier by the fact that it occurs in the midst of a very active fall business.

Mr. Ashcraft also states that the company will rebuild immediately, the new store to be a complete department store, modern and up-to-date in every particular. It is hoped to have the new building in readiness for the spring trade. It will be a building and a store which will be a credit to any town. It is not known what the company will do in the meantime, but they hope to secure a temporary location at least by the first of the year.

The fire had good headway before it was discovered, and had spread over a large part of the store, but those who were on the scene early say that it apparently started in the work room in the rear of the store on a second floor. It is not known how it originated, but there was an electric iron in the work room, used occasionally in connection with the millinery department, and it is thought possible it started from this. Mr. Lee Ashcraft says that usually he returns to the store after supper on some errand or other, but last night he had no occasion to go back, and was in the Legion hall when the alarm was given.

There was some delay in getting the hoses on the blaze after the fire engine arrived, but it was soon under control after three streams were turned on it, one from Green street, one from Wade and one from the top of the building occupied by the Fashion Store. Considering the size of the blaze and the headway it got, other property owners were extremely fortunate in the small amount of damage done them. Some damage was done the roof of the Parsons Drug Co. building, which at one time had fire on two sides of it, and this morning in developed that there was a foot or two of water in the basement of this company, it having seeped in from the basement of the burned building.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE BY DOGS ALLOWED

School Business Passed on and Routine Matters Cleared.

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WILL OBSERVE ARMISTICE DAY

Armistice Day will be observed by the people of Wadesboro next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with services in the Methodist church under the leadership of the War Mothers. Mrs. Hugh Montgomery, of Charlotte, State War Mother and a Gold Star mother, will be present and will make an address. Mrs. Montgomery is a very interesting speaker. There will also be a short song service. Forget-me-nots will be given to each one present, and there will be an offering for the benefit of disabled veterans. The Anson War Mothers are always active in keeping green the memory of the deeds of the soldiers in the world war, and in aiding all veterans who may be in need of their services.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

There will be a county-wide teachers' meeting at 10:30 Saturday morning, November 10th.

Miss Catherine Albertson, secretary of the state Parent-Teachers Assn. will speak and reports from those attending the district meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Association will be made.

The first lesson on the course of study, the subject adopted for reading circle work, will be conducted.

Citizens from every school district in the county are urged to be present to hear Miss Albertson's address.

ORGAN AND VOICE CONCERT ARTISTS TO RETURN.

Coming to a dramatic close at the middle of their concert program last evening in the Methodist church on account of the fire, Mr. and Mrs. Shearer found it necessary to postpone the concert. The program had been such a delight and of unusually outstanding attraction, that upon the urgent request of many present, they have been prevailed upon to give another program at the same place tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 P. M.

CLARK-WHITE.

An event of interest to many Wadesboro people was the marriage a few days ago of Mr. Claude Lee Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clark, and Miss Lucy Foster White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Oscar White, of Richmond, Va. Messrs. H. W. Clark and H. S. Clark, attended the wedding, the latter being his brother's best man. Mr. Clark has an excellent position with the Associated Press at Richmond, and he and his bride will live in that city after their return from a wedding trip.

Nobody In.

Opportunity knocked at the Business Man's door.

"You can't see him now," they said, "he is in conference."—Michigan Manufacturer and Financial Record.

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JUDGES AT FAIR.

The following ladies will be with Mrs. Rosalind Redfearn during the community fairs to act as judges of the women's departments:

Morven, Miss Flax Andrews, of Lumberton.

Diamond Hill, Mrs. C. M. Burns, of Wadesboro.

Ansonville, Miss Gertrude Holmes, of Albemarle.

Deep Creek and Peachland, Mrs. Annie Lea Harris, of Rockingham.

LAND TRANSFERS.

The following real estate deeds have been registered since The M. & I.'s last report:

J. W. Sullivan to L. P. Snyder; lots near Wadesboro; \$1,105.

James K. Little to Lawyer Little; interest in 4 acres in Morven township; \$600.

C. R. Lawson, T. L. Caudle and wives to C. S. Phillips, Lula Gullede, Chas. C. Uren, lots east of town; varying considerations.

L. D. Robinson, commissioner, to S. M. Gaddy; 330 1-4 acres adjoining M. W. Gaddy; \$4,000.

S. M. Gaddy and wife to S. S. Burnett; 330 1-4 acres; \$7,680.

C. J. Kirk and wife to J. D. Porter; 70 1-2 acres adjoining D. W. Carpenter; \$1,500.

S. B. and Tell Lee and wives to S. H. Allen; 76 acres in Burnsville township; \$1,140.

P. P. Marsh, attorney, to Geo. W. Trexler; lot near town; \$280.

Elizabeth Tarleton to John E. Little; lot near town; \$460.

W. M. Long and wife to Joseph Long; Lilesville lot; \$50.

Calvin Marsh and wife to Jack Sturdivant; 2 1-3 acres on Brown creek; \$100.

Holden G. Gaddy to E. E. Brock; 100 acres in Morven township; \$3,000.

Geo. E. Burns and wife to J. D. Porter, Clay Waddell, Allie Mauldin, J. A. Martin; Ansonville lots; varying considerations.

STOOP-SHOLDERS HASTEN AGE.

Pathfinder.

It is rarely that a doctor would be expected to follow the advice of a layman in the matter of his own health but that is what Dr. Peter MacDonald, of London, did, and he profited by it, as you will see. "I was feeling old and decrepit," Dr. MacDonald explains, "when I picked up a book, published by a layman, from a bookstall. I was then a premature aged man. I saw the author and he told me that I was old simply because I stooped. Under the treatment he laid down, I threw off the stoop, and in a few weeks I became a different man."

In this physician's opinion, "doctors are too prejudiced against laymen who make a study of a certain subject, and often learn more than we do, despite all our knowledge of medicine and surgery." Dr. MacDonald is convinced that old age is brought on by stoop of the shoulders. "The resistance of the body," he says, "seems to be bound up with the period one can live, and if every man would hold himself upright he would live many years longer."

Carry yourself in a natural, normal but upright position. With the shoulders stooped and the back bent the organs of the body do not have room to function properly. Keep the shoulders thrown back, the chest high and the head erect. Consciously assume this position while walking, sitting or riding until you have made the correct carriage of your body a habit. But take care not to bend the body back so far that its position is awkward or cramped.

EASTERN STAR MEETS HERE.

On Tuesday Nov. 13th the chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star composing the 7th district of North Carolina will meet with Wadesboro Chapter No. 152 at the Masonic Hall. There will be an afternoon session beginning at 2:30 and an evening session at 7:30. Mrs. Mary F. Cowan of Hamlet, District Deputy Grand Matron will preside. The Grand Matron, Mrs. Elspeth C. Setzer and the Grand Patron, Mr. Wm. E. Cullingford of Charlotte will make addresses in the evening. Other grand officers have been invited to be present.

It's Too Much.

The convicts at Princetown have been shown a comic American convict film. This confirms us in our intention of keeping good.—London Opinion.

COTTON CROP BELOW TEN AND A QUARTER MILLION BALES IS NEW FORECAST

Government Estimate Based on Crop Condition of 47.8 Per Cent of Normal, as Existing October 25.

Washington, Nov. 2.—A decrease of 767,000 bales in the prospective cotton crop as compared with a month ago was shown today in the department of agriculture's forecast of 10,248,000 bales, based on conditions prevailing October 25. The report was the first of its kind ever issued in November and had been awaited with interest by the cotton world in view of the scarcity of cotton and the diversity of opinion as to the exact size of this year's crop.

The forecast was based on the condition of the crop on October 25 which was 47.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 49.5 on September 25 this year, 52.6 on October 25 last year and 43.2 on that date in 1921, indicating a yield of about 128.9 pounds per acre.

The condition of the crop on October 25 and the forecast of production by states follow:

Virginia, condition 88 and production 53,000.

North Carolina, 70 and 1,010,000.

South Carolina, 53 and 740,000.

Georgia, 31 and 610,000.

Florida, 22 and 12,000.

Alabama, 39 and 615,000.

Mississippi, 36 and 620,500.

Louisiana, 13 and 320,000.

Texas, 57 and 4,300,000.

Arkansas, 37 and 680,000.

Tennessee, 35 and 330,000.

Missouri, 43 and 151,000.

Oklahoma, 43 and 735,000.

California, 86 and 49,000.

Arizona, 88 and 83,000.

Production of all other states is 40,000 bales.

About 85,000 bales in addition to California are being grown in lower California, Old Mexico.

In commenting on the cotton report the Crop Reporting Board said: "The forecast expresses the probable output interpreted from the present status of the crop on the basis of past relations, and from the reported percentage picked, percentage abandoned, and probable yield per acre. The change in forecast since September 25 reflects the change due to weather and other factors since that date as ascertained by the board from all information at its command."

"Generally unfavorable weather and heavy rains in the southwest, exceptional damage to grown bolls by the weevil, result of leaf worm ravages, coupled with the heaviest abandonment on record resulted in a forecast of about 767,000 bales below last month. This is the third short crop in succession though somewhat above the preceding years."

Crop Good in North Carolina.

"Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas report favorably, and show some increase. In the southeast picking is even further advanced than last year but in the west it has been greatly delayed, particularly in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and northwest Texas."

In arriving at the cotton forecast, the board considered the reported condition of the crop as of October 25, the reported probable yield per acre of lint cotton, the reported percentage of acreage abandoned since June 25, the percentage of the crop reported picked to October 25, the percentage reported ginned to October 18, and the quantity of cotton ginned to October 18th, as enumerated by the census bureau. The board has, for comparative purposes, the conditions reported for the same date from 1919 to 1922, the reported percentage picked for 1921 and 1922, and the census enumerations of cotton ginned, by periods, for previous years.

Cotton Famine Looms.

A month ago the condition of the crop was the lowest for that date in 57 years with the exception of 1921 several states reporting the lowest condition on record due largely to the damage done by the boll weevil.

World stocks of cotton at the close of the cotton year, June 31, were very low, the Department of Commerce reporting holdings at 6,400,000 bales, compared with 9,536,000 bales on July 31, 1922. Ginnings in the United States from this year's crop totalled 6,400,579 bales to October 18, according to Census Bureau reports.

It is no wonder politicians get hard-boiled. They are always in hot water.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.