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## HOW THE LIGHT MATTER STANDS

### CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MAKES A REPORT

**Asks the Status of the Electric Light Matter Asks the Citizens to Support the Bond Election—Will Greatly Reduce Taxation—Their Report to Citizens.**

The Editor of The Star.

Pursuant to the unanimous adoption of a resolution of citizens at a mass meeting favoring municipal ownership of the electric light and power plant here, your committee with only advisory power, proceeded to perform their duty.

The town council at our request selected a competent electrician and engineer to take inventory and make appraisement of the plant. After much correspondence, we secured information of the cost of material for construction of an electric plant at this one.

The cost to construct this plant as ascertained to be \$12,288.00 and with depreciation, its present physical valuation was placed at \$10,248.00, not including the unused steam engine and dynamo.

This estimate did not take into consideration the earning capacity of the plant and established patronage and good will of the business. Neither did it include the equity value of the electric current for over four years unexpired, contracted four years ago with the Southern Power Co.

The enforcement of the option contract made some ten years ago to the town of Shelby was demanded at the earliest opportunity, looking to municipal ownership on a square deal. A proposition was made to sell the plant at \$20,000 and the electric current at \$1.50 per hundred K. W. hours, which was rejected. The town council was requested to appoint appraisers, and urged the Shelby Light and Power Co. to do likewise. The council passed a resolution to the effect that if the Shelby Light and Power Co. refused to do so by Oct. 3rd., their franchise should be forfeited.

In the meantime the Shelby Light and Power Co. offered to sell at \$15,000 and \$1.50 per hundred K. W. hours for current which was refused, both for the plant and current by your committee.

A few days later the town council and S. L. & P. Co. agreed to a trade of \$13,000 for the plant and S. L. & P. Plant, including engine and dynamo with a transfer of franchise, delivery of which on first of next May. And they agreed to take over the plant for electric current and S. L. & Power Co. for same amount of a price as low as electric current or power can be secured from any source, or contracted by May 1st.

As an option, and contract made ten years ago, there was no provision covering this electric current contract. The S. L. & P. Co. having an equity value of \$13,000 now, the Board and your committee thought it was fair to all parties to make this argument for electric current on its equity value, and upon the lowest price obtainable.

The Town Council upon the presentation of a large petition of citizens has ordered an election to determine the issue of payment of same. Everything into consid-

## ITALIANS RULE NEW COUNTRY

### THE TURKS LEAVE CITY INVADERS

**Governor's House and Forts Destroyed—No talk of Mediation it is said Will be Listened to by Italians until Occupation of Tripoli is Complete.**

Tripoli, Oct. 6.—Italian government has been set up in Tripoli. The capital, abandoned by Turkish troops, is completely in the hands of the Italians who at the solicitation of the foreign consulates have guaranteed the safety of foreign residents.

After the Italians had occupied Sultania fortress, chiefs of the Arab tribes went aboard the Italian flagship and denoting their submission, begged that bombardment of the city cease. During the bombardment was done to property of Europeans but Tripolitan forts and the governor's mansion were destroyed.

Berlin, Oct. 6.—Although the Italians landed marines at Tripoli, it is understood here that mediator will not be acceptable before the city has been occupied by the expedition from Italy, the first ship of which is due to sail from Tripoli to-morrow.

Germany in the meantime is endeavoring to restrain Turkey from taking any measures that might lessen the hope of successful mediation.

Rome, Oct. 6.—Provoked because she has been fired upon by the Turkish fort at Hodeidah the Italian mining cruiser Aretusa attacked a Turkish gunboat and sank her.

Turkey having taken the offensive in the Red Sea, where Italy had in tended to remain on the defensive, the Aretusa and the dispatch boat Staffeta and repair ship Nolcano, all of which are armed and the smaller war craft available have been ordered to chase the few old gunboats that Turkey has in the Red Sea and to attack the ports of Yemen if necessary.

### No More "Stripes"

After next January convicts convicted of a misdemeanor will not wear the regulation stripes, this being a State law. Those convicted of a felony will continue to be thus garbed. Instead of the striped clothes the misdemeanors will wear a uniform made of cloth resembling suits worn by the troops in the Spanish war. The idea is that there will be less disgrace in wearing suits without stripes.

Mrs. H. T. Hudson and Miss Fannie Barnett went to Charlotte Friday on a shopping expedition.

Legal complications with added delay and expense and in view of the large earning capacity of the plant, growing with the increasing years, reducing expenses by joint ownership as well as improving the service on a more economical and equitable base for both street and commercial lights, and greatly reducing taxation, your committee request the voting of sufficient bond issue to take over the electric plant for the general good of the town and its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,  
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S. S. ROYSTER,  
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### PRETTY WEDDING

**Miss Eula Bird Abernethy, Charming Young Shelby Lady, Marries Charlotte Man.**

Miss Eula Bird Abernethy, one of Shelby's most charming young ladies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Abernethy was married Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of her parents to Mr. Grover C. Kimbrell of Charlotte, Rev. E. E. Williamson, pastor of the Central Methodist Church performing the ceremony. Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present. The affair was simple, but very sweet and impressive. The room was decorated with golden red, fern and cutflowers. Miss Annie Beam and Miss Ettie Abernathy, a sister of the bride were the only attendants. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on the Seaboard train for Charlotte to make their home. Mr. Kimbrell is an expert machinist with the Stuart W. Cramer Company of that place and is a young man of splendid qualities. The romance began when Miss Abernethy was taking a business course in Charlotte and it culminated in the happy event Thursday. She is considered one of Shelby's prettiest young ladies and has many friends and admirers.

### LYCEUM COURSE

**Featherston will be first Engagement October 28 under Auspices of Civic League.**

The Civic League has arranged for the Radcliffe Entertainment Bureau, one of the foremost agencies of its kind in the county, to give a series of four entertainments in Shelby this winter, the first to be The Floyd Featherston Musical Fovely Entertainers in the graded school auditorium, Saturday night October 28. It is commendable in the League to arrange for such uplifting entertainments as they scheduled for the winter and each one will be well worth the price. Shelby has always needed something of this nature and it is to be provided in first class manner. Much credit is due Mrs. L. M. Hull, the active president of the League. Another course was about to be booked by Prof. R. T. Howerton, superintendent of the graded school, but the League had already arranged for the Radcliffe attractions and Prof. Howerton very kindly gave up his plans. He heartily endorses the Radcliffe attractions.

There will be four entertainments during the winter. Those who wish to purchase tickets can get two seats reserved for the full course for \$4 at Kendall's Drug Store. Seats are now on sale and they are selling rapidly. After Featherston gives his wonderful musical, the next attraction will be in Nov.

### National Delegates

Capt. O. M. Gardner has been appointed a delegate to the National Guards Association which meets at Buffalo this week. He left Saturday for Buffalo and after the session adjourns he will go to New York to witness the series of baseball games between New York and Philadelphia for the world's championship.

### Seed in Wind Pipe

Mr. John Pool's little seven year old daughter, Nellie got a watermelon seed in her wind pipe one day last week and she was taken to the hospital at Lincolnton where it was removed. She suffered a great deal and is still, but will be removed home this week.

### MEETING CLOSSES

**Mr. Abernethy Closes Great Meeting—About Sixty Professions.**

The meeting that was held for nearly two weeks at the Central Methodist church of which Rev. E. E. Williamson is pastor and in which Rev. J. E. Abernethy of Winston-Salem participated, came to a close last week. It was one of the most successful meetings that has ever been conducted in Shelby. The success of it is judged by the fact that there were about 60 professions and 40 reclamations. There will be about 30 additions to the Methodist church while a number will join other churches. Rev. Mr. Abernethy is an orator and preacher of no mean ability and he drew great crowds twice a day. The revival was felt throughout the town and its good will last forever.

### HOYLE-LEE

**Mr. Talmage Lee and Miss Lily Hoyle Are Quietly Married.**

A wedding of considerable interest throughout the county was that of Mr. Talmage Lee of Belwood and Miss Lily Hoyle last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Alec. Hoyle who live near Fallston. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. T. Newton of South Carolina. It was a simple and quiet affair, only a few intimate friends being present, but it was very pretty and impressive. Mr. Lee is one of Cleveland county's leading young business men, being connected with the Gantt Harness Co. of Belwood. Miss Hoyle is a very prominent young lady of upper Cleveland. She has many friends and belongs to one of the best families of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Lee took a trip to Charlotte and returned Saturday to make their home at Belwood.

### At The Parsonage

A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Rev. E. E. Williamson officiating when Mr. T. G. Watterson and Miss Lorene Williams, both of King's Mountain drove over and were united in matrimony. Just a few were present. Mr. Watterson is said to be connected with one of the banks of King's Mountain and a young man of fine parts, while the bride is a charming young lady of that town.

### Swapping Day

Earl, Shelby's neighboring town has started a unique day for this section. The men have launched what is to be known as "Swapping Day" when people will gather there to trade. This day will be the fourth Monday in every month. Bettis-Austell Co. will give a \$1.50 hat to the man bringing in the the most stock on Monday, October 23 and D. G. Webber and Sons will give a good stout bridle to the man making the most trades, Monday, Oct. 23.

### Large Potato

Mr. W. S. Rumfelt brought an enormous sweet potato to town Saturday that was raised on Blanton's farm, west of town. The potato is of a perfect shape and weighs six pounds. It is the largest one we have ever seen. Especially is it noteworthy in this season when the potato crop has been so poor. The Star is urging Mr. Rumfelt to send it to one of the fairs. Without a doubt it will take a premium.

## HIS RECORD IS DISAPPROVED

### TAFT IS NOT HELPING HIMSELF

**His 13,000 Mile Swing Through The West and Numerous Speeches do Not Strengthen His Cause—Not a Dent In The Surface—Trust Bursting a Sham.**

(By C. H. Tavenner)

Washington, Oct. 9.—The President has been in the West. The people have listened to his defense. And they still believe he did wrong in vetoing the honest efforts of both branches of Congress to reduce the awful cost of living in the United States.

Such is the tenor of the news that has come over the wires from the special correspondents who either accompanied or trailed Mr. Taft on his 13,000 mile swing.

Arthur Henning, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, interviewed hundreds of westerners and found that the people generally liked Mr. Taft personally but absolutely disapproved his record as President.

Angus McSween, the celebrated Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia North American, (also republican), wired from Topeka, Kans., as follows:

"President Taft did not make a dent in the surface of strong progressive sentiment in the state of Kansas during his visit here."

It developed, too, that a great many men, in all walks of life, candidly admitted that next year they proposed to vote for a Democrat for President, notwithstanding they always before had voted for a Republican. A great many of these referred to the magnificent record the Democrats made in Congress last session, and frankly admitted that since the Democrats had shown real ability to govern and govern well, it was no more than their due that they should be given greater responsibility.

### ALL LEGITIMATE BUSINESS SAFE

Chairman A. O. Stanley, of the steel trust investigating committee, says the Republicans are endeavoring to create the impression that the democratic investigation of the steel trust is in the nature of an attack on the steel business. He denied that this is true.

"Republican newspapers," said Mr. Stanley, "are trying to make the country believe we persecuting the steel corporation. Nothing could be further from the truth. The investigation has been conducted with the utmost fairness, and not a single one of the steel men who testified failed to thank the committee for the fair and generous way in which he had been treated."

### 17 Marksmen

When the Cleveland Guards were in camp at Moorehead this summer, seventeen of the men won distinction as marksmen in the target practice. George Borders stood first, making a total of 118. Yates Kendrick second with 117. The others are Charles P. Roberts, Giles Webb, Robert Crowder, Sidney Elliott, J. E. Fisher, J. Frank Jenkins, J. S. Jenkins, Lawrence Branton, George Moore, Eura McSwain, J. S. Mull, Roy Stockton, Albert Turner, Harry Woodson, Zollie Whitaker.

The jealous husband naturally feels that his wife longs for the fellowship of a man.

## VICTORY CELEBRATED

### AT KING'S MOUNTAIN—WEBB AND SIMMONS MAKE SPEECHES

**High Tributes Paid to the Valor of American Patriots—Sham Battle Fought—Thousands Present at the Greatest Day in History of King's Mountain.**

The "red, white and blue" trembling in the sunlight from almost every building in King's Mountain Saturday, the happy faces of thousands of citizens from the piedmont section, the glowing tributes expressed in glowing words, bands bursting with martial music, voices of arms in sham battle, all were evidence of the appreciation of the valor displayed and the victory won by American patriots on October 7, 1780.

Elaborate preparations had been made; King's Mountain was ready. At 10 o'clock the procession began. After which Hon. O. F. Mason introduced Senator F. M. Simmons who delivered a simple, historic, stirring speech, reciting the events that lead up to the battle and its affects. Then Congressman Webb, amid applause, portrayed in eloquent words the perils and conflicts through which our nation has come, and made a strong appeal to the citizenship to be true to their country and magnify their heritage.

In the afternoon a sham battle was fought between the Gaston and Cleveland companies of the North Carolina Guards.

### JURY LIST

#### List of Jurors for the November Term of Cleveland Court.

The following is a list of the jurors for the court which convenes next month. This list was drawn by the county commissioners at their meeting last Monday.

First Week: No. 1 M. B. Ellis, No. 2 Joseph Beason, Hiliary S. Jolly, R. L. Don Green, No. 3 R. D. Hopper, W. B. Turner, C. F. Putnam, No. 4 W. D. McDaniel, J. B. Blalock, J. Lester Herndon, Arthur Phifer, W. A. Mauney, D. A. Fultoe, No. 5 W. C. Williams, John F. Moss, No. 6, A. H. Cline, Lawson A. Wright, Talmage Gardner, G. A. Elam, S. A. McMurry, Julius F. Brackett, A. A. Blanton, C. B. Cabiness, No. 7 S. W. Green, R. C. Doggett, W. C. Harrill, Lee Cabiness, No. 8 A. M. Hunt, J. G. Davis, D. W. Warlick, No. 9 Frank Norman, A. D. Hamrick, W. Thompson, Rich Tillman, No. 10 A. Plato Peeler, No. 11 Sidney Wortman.

Second Week: No. 1 J. A. McGraw, No. 2 Noah Hamrick, No. 3 C. J. Patterson, No. 4 J. Wheeler Ware, T. P. McGill, A. Lee Harmon, No. 5 W. George Spake, I. Bee Allen, J. H. Anthony, No. 7 Frank Harrill, C. G. Poston, No. 8 R. Q. Whisnant, Sam Hamrick, No. 9 A. J. R. Hoyle, No. 10 John Allwran, No. 11 Zero Mull.

### Senator Simmons Here

Saturday night Senator F. M. Simmons who spoke at Kings Mountain on the anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain came on to Shelby in an automobile to shake hands with his friends. He spent the night here and many warm friends clasped his hand and pledged their support in the coming election for the senatorship. He and Congressman E. Y. Webb were the principal speakers at Kings Mountain Saturday.