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The Davville Free Press, one of our newly Virginia exchanges, has changed from an evening to a morning paper.

The good roads convention held in Raleigh this week was a great success in both attendance and interest. We hope the influence from it will permeate the State that in every county an interest in having better roads will be awakened.

There are people who will take advantage of the comic valentine to show their spite, and thus evidence the littleness of their own soul. However, just so the world does not know it they think it is all right, but the littleness is there just the same.

The University of Nebraska has invited Booker T. Washington as commencement day orator at the commencement next June. A number of the senior class students have announced their opposition to the selection of a negro for orator.

Governor Taft says that high salaries are a necessity in the Philippines. The investigation brought out the facts that he lives in a palace, that his servant hire is \$3,000 a year, and that he has 14 horses in his stables. Imperialism naturally involves imperialistic methods.

A sensation has been caused in Forsyth county by the Solicitor of the district indicting four or five hundred persons for failure to list their taxes. One young man whose poll tax would have amounted to \$2.40, settled his case for \$9.50. It would be cheaper to list taxes at the proper time, as all good citizens ought to do.

C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., patent lawyers and mechanical experts, report that there are more than ten thousand rejected applications for patents in the United States Patent Office, and that by proper amendment and prosecution many of them can still be patented.

Any other member of the ground hog committee having a dissenting opinion from that expressed by the chairman, is advised that the same had better be withheld for the present. This big snow is further evidence that the chairman and Col. Ground Hog are agreed that he saw his shadow on the 2nd.

On Thursday the lower house of Congress adopted a resolution for an amendment to the constitution of the United States for the election of Senators by direct popular vote. This is the fourth time the House has adopted a similar resolution. Getting the Senate to pass a similar resolution is where the hitch may come in, but such a change ought to be made.

When Admiral Schley returned from his recent triumphal tour of the South he found that he was the possessor of a new piano, with a receipted bill for \$1,000 in payment therefor. The persons from whom the piano was bought absolutely refuse to name the donor and efforts to find the identity of the unknown admirer have been unavailing.

"GROUND HOG DAY."

Sunday was the day for the ground hog, but unless some one can tell us whether he comes out in the morning or in the afternoon, he has left us in doubt as to what kind of weather we are to have for the next forty days. In the afternoon it was cloudy and in the morning the sun was shining.—Rocky Mount Spokesman.

We have never known just where the ground hog lives and so have not sat at the "pasture gap" at any time to see him come out from his hiding place on the 2nd of February. And really, according to the foregoing quoted from the Spokesman, no one seems to know just what time of day he comes out, and as the 2nd of February was cloudy in the morning and fair in the afternoon it is still unsettled.

The Commonwealth appoints a general committee of quill drivers, with Editor Whichard of the Greenville REFLECTOR as chairman, to dig deep into the heretofore unexplored volumes of lore touching the ground hog and tell us by next February just what hour of the day he creeps forth, in order that there may be no more doubt about the forty days of weather to follow his coming.

Don't neglect this matter, brethren. It is important.—Scitland Neck Commonwealth.

The chairman appointed by the Commonwealth for this important topic, believing that "procrastination is the thief of time," or words to that effect, had just as soon call the meeting to order and settle the question right now as to wait until next February to do so. Therefore the chairman delivers his opinion as follows:

February 2nd is the undisputed property of Col. Ground Hog. Being hogish in his nature he wants all that belongs to him, disputing his claim against everything except the sun, and being afraid of nothing but his own shadow. So when the day comes he saunters from his place of seclusion with the dawn, and if no shadow appears to frighten him he stays out, but if he sees his shadow he scots back in his hole as fast as his legs will carry him, and takes forty days to get over his fright sufficiently to venture out again. Therefore the chairman avers, that as the whole day is ground hog day, if he sees his shadow at all during the day he goes back to let us have forty days more of winter, while if he sees not his shadow he remains out and winter goes away back and sits down.

If this opinion is not concurred in by the other members of the committee, any or all of them have the right to file their dissent thereto.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14. No important legislation has been enacted in the Senate since the date of my last letter, although the resolution changing the date of the inauguration from the 4th of March to the last Thursday in April was adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote and the Committee on Judiciary has reported a bill providing for the protection of the President and those in the line of succession from attacks by anarchists and others, a novel feature of which is the commission to the Secretary of War of the safety of the Chief Executive and the authorization of the official to assign a guard composed of members of the regular army to carry out the provision. The Secretary is empowered to prescribe a suitable costume or uniform and make such rules governing the guard as may be deemed appropriate.

The House of Representatives has devoted itself to the consideration of the omnibus bill to the exclusion of all other business, and the debate has been spirited and at times amusing. Only the manifestly prejudiced decisions of the chair prevented the bill from being amended out of existence.

Referring to the Hill bill, which was recently introduced in the House and referred to the committee on Banking and Currency, Mr. Cochran, of Missouri said today: "The bill provides for the coinage of all the seigniorage in the Treasury discretionary power to coin silver dollars into subsidiary coin and makes silver dollars exchangeable for gold at the Treasury, just as greenbacks are not exchangeable for gold."

"In my judgment it is a travesty on reason and common sense. If the silver dollar is to become a mere token like the greenback a eight draft on the Treasury gold reserve—why continue it in existence if our Treasury is not to adopt this policy why not fabricate demands upon the gold reserve of paper at a cost of a small fraction of 1 per cent instead of making a token out of silver at a cost of 50 per cent? What a grotesque proposition it is! What a commentary upon the statesmanship that has in hand the reduction of our financial system to order!"

"And even a greater absurdity would be the enactment of this law without changing the banking law so as to require the banks to keep their reserves in gold. To allow the banks to keep their reserves in silver would be to subject all the gold standard except the banks. No such change is likely. Nobody knows better than the great bankers that there is not gold enough in the world to carry the great volume of credits in existence. The mere mention of a law requiring the banks to keep their reserves in gold is sufficient to set well informed financiers to trembling. However, Mr. Hill's bill will never be brought before the House. The Republicans don't pass it passed.

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BIG SNOW STORM.

Twelve inches on a Level—Largest in Twenty-Five years.

About 1 o'clock this morning the first snow storm of the winter set in. Early risers found the ground covered to a depth of several inches, with the flakes continuing to come down thick and fast. All the morning it kept falling, but at this writing, noon, looks like it is about to stop. The wind was brisk from the north, driving the snow freely and making it disagreeable to be out in. The temperature is as high as 30, which is not very cold. Measurements taken at noon show the depth of the snow to be 12 inches out on a level. The ground, being dry and frozen, could not have been in better condition to receive a snow to stick. THE REFLECTOR telephoned to Mr. Allen Warren, who has kept a weather record the past several years, for a comparison of this with former big snows.

This is the heaviest snow here since the winter of 1876-77, when about Christmas is fell to a depth of 18 to 20 inches on a level and remained on the ground until the middle of January. The heaviest snow previous to that was in 1857.

The nearest snow in size to the present one that has fallen in this country was three years ago, on February 11th, 1899, when it reached a depth of 10 inches. On that day the temperature was 11, being then 19 degrees colder than today. Three days after that snow, on the 14th, the temperature fell to 2 degrees below zero, the coldest record here, and touched that point again on the morning of the 15th.

Other places we have heard from today show the depth of snow in inches to be as follows: Tarboro 12, Kelford 8, Norfolk 6, Richmond 8, Springhope 12, Keely 12, Fayetteville 10, Kinston 8, New Bern 4, Washington 8. There was none at Wilmington and none at New York.

Brother Duck's Sunday Sayings. Trouble is a blessing in disguise. Some folks wouldn't be happy at all unless they had sompin' ter grow over. No matter how rough de road ter heaven is, you'll feel all de more lak enjoyin' er yo' res' w'en you git dar. De good dies young; but dese gray headed sinners is so skeered ter die at all. Some folks wouldn't go ter heaven in a cherryopt er fire fer fear er gittin' dey close searched. De Good Book say dat Wisdom cries out in de streets, en no man regard her. But in dese days she'd be 'reated at de fast ery, en 'h'isted in de black Mary.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Best Medium. At a recent meeting of the Advertiser's Club at Cleveland, Ohio, the subject of "Advertising Media" was considered. The principal address was made by Mr. Hagar, a business man, who noted the good points of all the many methods of publicity and conclude with the statement that "the newspaper has no equal as a dispenser of publicity, no matter what you have to offer." This conclusion was not challenged.—Philadelphia Record.

Queen of the Navy. New York, February 12.—The battleship Illinois, which today dropped anchor off Tompkinsville, after its final trial run from Newport News to New York, has proved herself the queen of the navy. In every test she has surpassed the Alabama, the Oregon and even her sister ship the Kearsarge. The tests were rigorous and fully demonstrated, her officers say, her superiority over every other vessel of her class which the country can boast.

Jonasboro, a new village now being laid out at Fort Lee, five miles from Richmond, Va., is to be populated by negroes only. The site consists of 800 acres, containing building lots, a park, orchards, grazing lands and small farms for trucking.

Winterville Department.

NEWSY HAPPENINGS AND BUSINESS NOTES. WINTERVILLE, N. C., Feb. 15. How to buy a \$65 buggy. Follow instructions carefully:—1st. Draw \$65 out of the bank. 2nd. Give your wife \$12.50 and bring us the \$52.50. 3rd. Select one of our light grade buggies made to order buggies from a line of over 100 buggies in different styles, colors and sizes. This offer holds good to but one person in each family in Pitt county. Follow the same instructions to get the open buggy, except you draw \$50 out of the bank, give your wife \$7.50, bring us \$42.50. No orders taken at this special offer because we want your trade and feel sure if we sell you one buggy, we can always sell you what you need in our line. Come to see us. Don't let some one talk you out of \$12.50 and laugh at you before you are out of sight. Yours to serve, Hunsucker Carriage Co.

Mrs. Tom McLawhorn, of Grifton, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. House, since Monday, left for her home last Thursday.

W. B. Ricks and family, of Greenville, arrived Wednesday and now occupy their new residence on Chest street.

C. D. Hooks while on his way to Goldsboro, one day last week, had his horse, a valuable one, to die by the way.

Hugh Lassiter, of Lizzie, was here a short while yesterday.

B. W. Moseley, of Greenville, was on our cotton market yesterday. He purchased some 70 bales at from 8 to 9 1/2.

Miss Edie Kittrell is visiting Miss Tessie Speight in the country.

That was a nice gathering of young people at the home of Mrs. J. D. Cox, Thursday evening. The occasion was pleasantly spent and wound up with a regular old fashion candy stew. My! they said it was all nice.

W. J. Wyatt and family left for Raleigh Thursday morning, where they will make their home in the future. They have many relatives and friends here who were loathe to part with them and sincerely wish them the best of success in their new home.

The young gentlemen of the Vance Literary Society will give a public debate on Friday evening, 21st inst. The query is, "Resolved that the signs of the times indicate the overthrow of the Government." This will prove a treat to those who attend. The public are cordially invited.

ARE YOU DEAF? ANY HEAD NOISES? DEAFNESS OR HARD HEARING ARE NOW CURABLE. HEAD NOISES CEASE IMMEDIATELY. F. A. WEISMAN, OF BALTIMORE, MD.

How to Grow Cotton for Profit. Prepare your land well, manure well and plant a variety that will command a better price when you offer it on the market.

Two years ago I secured a peck of seed, planted them on half an acre of land and picked a bale of cotton that weighed 430 pounds, shipped this cotton through Mr. B. J. Cobb together with several large bales of good variety and this bale sold for three eighths of a cent more per pound than the lot. The lint is far superior to any cotton sold on this market and the yield is far ahead of anything we have in this country.

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O. L. JOYNER, Greenville, N. C. While you wait for the answer, you are sure to get a letter from the editor of the Eastern Reflector.

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AT THE CLUB.

On the street, at social gatherings, anywhere, where ever a number of good dressers are gathered and the clothes question is the topic of conversation, you will learn, if you lend an attentive ear, that we are quoted as being the store that always has snappy toggery for the up-to-the-hour man. The store that he looks to for new things; the store to which he first turns for a new cut in a suit, a new shape in a hat or tie. In short, the store where the good dresser always finds the thing he wants without paying an extra price for style. If you are interested in Clothing and Haberdashery with character, come in.

FRANK WILSON, THE KING CLOTHIER.

EASTERN REFLECTOR. NOTICE. If there is a CROSS MARK in the margin of this paper it is so to remind you that you owe THE EASTERN REFLECTOR for subscription and we request you to settle as early as possible. We need what YOU owe us and hope you will keep us waiting for it.

LOCAL REFLECTIONS. Spring Oats cheap at S. M. Schults. Don't you see! It waited until moonlight nights to snow.

THE MAN WHO TRIES HARD GETS THERE. A man who began railroading as a bridge carpenter is to be one of the vice presidents and practically the head of the New York Central Railroad system. Go ahead, boys.

Another Greenville Boy Honored. Prof. Harry P. Harding, after organizing, systemizing and putting the Graded School of Oxford upon a safe basis, has been elected Superintendent of the Graded Schools at Newbern and will return to his former field of operations.

Masonic Lodge at Farmville. The Masons at Farmville, who have lately been working under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge, held a meeting Thursday to formally institute the lodge, which is designated Farmville Lodge, No. 517 A. F. & M. S. Several members from Greenville Lodge went up to assist in the institution of the new lodge.

Death of Dr. J. H. Baker. Tarboro, N. C., Feb. 13.—Tarboro again mourns the loss of an aged and most worthy citizen, in the death of Dr. Jos. H. Baker, which occurred at 9 o'clock last night. His condition had been critical for some time, and three weeks his absent loved ones called to his bedside, but through the prayers of his numerous friends, and by the aid of the best medical skill, death was stayed until last night.

Handsome Work. Wednesday Mr. E. G. Flanagan showed us a beautiful center table that was made by Mr. Newton, one of the workmen of the Greenville Manufacturing Company. The table is made of walnut inlaid with pearl, and in the top were inserted squares of wood a lighter color that formed a perfect checker board. The whole is a splendid piece of work.

HOWDY DO.

Some Speak to Me, Some to You. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1902. W. H. Cox came over from Kinston this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jarvis went to Raleigh today. Mrs. W. A. Bright went to Parmele this morning.

Miss Pattie Skinner went to Henderson this morning. Bruce Sugg came in from Rocky Mount Wednesday evening.

Dr. J. C. Greene, of LaGrange, came over this morning to visit his mother, Mrs. E. S. Greene.

F. C. Tooleman, of Henderson, Superintendent of the Carolina and Virginia Telephone Co., came in Wednesday evening.

Prof. H. P. Harding of this town who has since September been Superintendent of the graded school at Oxford, has been elected Superintendent of the graded schools at New Bern, and has accepted.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1902. F. G. James went to Bethel this morning.

H. A. White went up the road this morning. Edmond, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Tait, is quite sick.

Mrs. J. E. Dayberry came in this morning from New Bern to join her husband here. K. C. Barrett, of Rocky Mount, came in Thursday evening and returned this morning.

Mrs. Pierce, of Raleigh, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Check, returned home today. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1902. L. I. Moore went to Raleigh today.

The ASSIGNEE STOCK of W. T. Lee & Co. at New York Cost. Shoes, Dress Goods, Clothing, Shirts, in fact everything kept in a first-class up-to-date store, will begin sale Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 10:30 a. m. at W. T. Lee & Co's old stand. No goods charged or sent out without the cash. One first-class fire and burglar proof Safe at less than factory price.

SHOES! Zeigler Brothers Ladies and Misses Fine Shoes. Ladies, Misses and Baby Shoes. THE H. C. GODMAN CO., Ladies, Misses Children and Baby Shoes. Every pair warranted Solid Leather All CLOTHING reduced prices. C. T. MUNFORD'S. The Big Store. Greenville, N. C.

