

# THE INDEPENDENT

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LABOR not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life.—Jesus.

THIS newspaper sincerely trusts that Elizabeth City now in the midst of a municipal political campaign, will not be so thoughtless or so unrighteous as to put in office a man who would steal wearing apparel and bed linen from his neighbors caught in a flood. Please, for God's sake, don't do that.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN H. SMALL replies to the late campaign charges of C. R. Pugh, elsewhere in this newspaper this week. Mr. Small uses plain language. He says Mr. Pugh did not tell the truth in many instances and told only half truths in some others. It is the kind of reply one, who knows Mr. Small, would expect Mr. Small to make. He has clearly put Mr. Pugh on the defensive. Mr. Small's statement will be accepted as frank and convincing by the public generally thruout the district.

### Education That Doesn't Fit

THE average high school and college graduate leaves the school room to enter a world that he hasn't learned very much about. He knows a great deal about ancient Greece and the Rome of the Caesars. He knows the Elizabethan period of English history and he thinks he knows something about France. He knows the military history of the United States from 1776 to 1865. He knows just lots and lots of things, but doesn't know a blessed thing except what every other High School graduate knows. They all learn the same things from a course of studies doped out for them by a lot of cautious old professors who learned the same things and would be lost in any metropolitan American city.

While the boys in college are stuffing their craniums with this interesting ancient piffle, a lot of fellows who never went to college are really discovering the world and know more about it thru their mercantile ventures than colleges will ever know. Knowing what the ancient Roman said and did isn't half so interesting and is by no means as valuable as a knowledge of what the modern citizen of Rome smokes, chews, eats and wears and how much money he has to spend for such things.

### Moving Too Fast For Us

THE trouble with the world is, it moves too fast for the average citizen and leaves him in the lurch and forever behind the times. So many men think in terms of their own household. So many men think in terms of their own neighborhood circle. A few men in every town understand a town's problems. Occasionally you find in a town a man who has a grasp of the state's problems. Occasionally in a state you find a man who has a grasp of world problems. But the average fellow doesn't know his own city; the problems of the state, the nation and the great wide world have no meaning for him; he doesn't let them concern him; he doesn't understand or attempt to understand them. A few men do the thinking for him. These few men in most instances have been forced into a position of leadership and dictatorship by the expansion of their commercial pursuits. They think and act in terms peculiar to their selfish enterprises. And then the average fellow has the face to sit around a barber shop and bemoan the fact that the world isn't being run to suit him! If things are not right in the world, what in heaven's name are you doing to help make them right? The chances are you are not even interesting yourself in the election of a decent Alderman in your own little two-by-four ward.

### And He Was a Coward After All

A CERTAIN little boy had been told by his father that he must not go out into the woods and climb trees. The little boy obeyed his father until another boy came along and tempted him to do that which he had been told not to do. And the big boy said, "If you don't go, you're a coward!"

Now the little boy didn't want to be called a coward or to be looked upon as a coward by his playmates. He therefore, without much thinking, disobeyed his father and followed the tempter. The little boy thought he had established his bravery and given the lie to the suggestion of cowardice.

But the little boy didn't think right and didn't see the right thing. He became a coward when he failed to show enough strength and courage and manhood to obey his conscience, do what he knew was the right thing and keep his promise to his father. In a real test of courage the little boy made a miserable failure.

The little boy became a coward the very minute he disobeyed his parent. He did the wrong thing just to square himself in the estimation of a boy whose esteem really wasn't worth anything.

Most of my editorializing is for the benefit of the grown up children. Just to show my versatility I thought I'd try one on the other kind.

### How Does This Strike You?

THIS newspaper has worked out a little employes' disability insurance scheme all of its own which may lack much of being perfect, but which is better than none at all. Each employe of THE INDEPENDENT sets aside 25 cents a week from his or her wages for the disability fund. I supplement the fund by a like amount, putting in 25 cents for each 25 cents put in by the employes. This money is deposited in a local bank to the account of THE INDEPENDENT EMPLOYEES' DISABILITY. Out of this fund will be paid the doctor and medical bills of any employe who is disabled by sickness or accident. In addition to such medical service and supplies the disabled employe will be paid \$1.00 per day while sick or disabled, so long as the fund will suffice for this payment. Upon leaving the employ of THE INDEPENDENT an employe is entitled to withdraw from the fund every cent he has put into it, less any actual benefit he may have derived from the fund. In other words an employe who puts up 25 cents a week and never has occasion to receive any money from

the fund will get his money back dollar for dollar when he sees fit to terminate the agreement. If you like this scheme you may try it in your own shop; there are no strings, patents or copyrights on it. It has this advantage over industrial insurance. The man who pays 25 cents a week to an insurance company has to get sick or die to get his money back. By THE INDEPENDENT'S plan the employe is encouraged to lay up something for a rainy day and the encouragement is genuine, THE INDEPENDENT putting up for him just as much as he puts up for himself.

### REGISTER NEXT WEEK

The registration books of the city open Saturday, April 26 at 9 a. m. and close Saturday, May 3 at 8 p. m. Every resident of the city should go to his place of registration next week and get that his name is on the books, or get it there. The fact that you may have voted in the general election doesn't mean that the politicians in Elizabeth City have a registration book with your name on it. Better look out for yourself.

Following are the polling places, registrars and pollholders for the coming city election:

First Ward, Godfrey's store, H. C. Godfrey, registrar, M. W. Berry and P. S. Shipp, pollholders.  
Second Ward, William's store, Charles Williams, registrar, L. B. Thornton and J. C. Munden, pollholders.  
Third Ward, Whitehurst's store, H. F. Whitehurst, registrar, C. G. Fearing and J. H. Burgess, pollholders.  
Fourth Ward, City Market, E. F. Sawyer, registrar, D. W. Harris and W. G. Pool, pollholders.

### ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT

There will be an entertainment given by the little folks of the third grade of the Elizabeth City Graded School, at Blackwell Memorial Church this Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The entertainment is under the management of Mrs. Larry Ennis Skinner, which means that it will be no ordinary event. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be given to the Ladies Aid Society of the Blackwell Memorial Church.

### PRESIDENT WILSON IS A STAND-PATTER

President Wilson is being criticised by men of Italy, France and England, as well as those of Germany, for his position taken on the peace treaty. Oh well, there comes a time in the life of every man, as well as that of Nations, when Men are called upon to stand up and be counted.

When we believe a thing with all our Souls, we should stand by our convictions until we are convinced that we are wrong. We believe with all our might, that we carry the best line of Clothing, Furnishings and Shoes to be found in America for the price.

One of the best proofs of our opinion is the ever increasing patronage of the people. For instance, last Saturday, was the biggest Sales-day during our twenty-five years experience in business.

Come and investigate our claims before buying elsewhere, and you, like "Wilson" will be a Standpatter.

C. A. COOKE  
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.  
Opposite Love's Meat Market

FOR ALDERMAN  
Second Ward  
Vote For  
C. M. COOPER  
A Young Man's Man

### PROMINENT WOMAN IS INTERESTED IN PARK

Mrs. Chas. H. Robinson Heads Movement to Acquire Pleasure Park For This City

Mrs. Chas. H. Robinson, one of Elizabeth City's wealthiest and most philanthropic women is heading a movement to acquire a park for Elizabeth City. Mrs. Robinson thinks Elizabeth City should have a big recreation park, big enough for picnics, play apparatus, athletic grounds, golf links, etc. And she thinks the old fair grounds near the hospital are ideal for the purpose, provided rights to the riverfront can be secured with the property. The property belongs to Daniel Ed. Williams, of South Mills, who wants \$30,000 for it but will take \$21,000 if the land is purchased for public use.

Mrs. Robinson has not indicated how much she will subscribe to head the movement. Dr. Geo. W. Clarke suggests that she subscribe \$5,000 and that additional subscriptions of \$5,000 be obtained from E. F. Aydtett and M. N. Sawyer. Dr. Clarke is serving on a committee having the project under consideration.

### NORFOLK MARKETS

Norfolk, Va., April 24, 1919.  
Reported especially for THE INDEPENDENT by Jarvis & Fentress.  
The following prices represent actual sales made to-day:

Hens	35c
Hens	38c
Frying Chickens	65c
Geese, live	25c
Turkeys, live	35c to 40c
Roosters, live	20c
Ducks, live	30c to 35c
Hogs, small, dressed	22c
Irish Potatoes	\$3.00 to \$3.25
Nancy Halls	\$6.00 to \$7.00
Haymans	\$5.50 to \$6.00
Market dull on Sweet Potatoes.	

### FOR ALDERMAN 2ND. WARD

I hereby announce my candidacy for Alderman for the Second Ward. Your vote and support will be appreciated.  
DA18-2t CALEB WALKER.

### If You Are Spending

a few days from home take along a

### KODAK

The resultant pictures will be of the human interest kind—intensely interesting at the outset, priceless in the years to come.

KODAKS from \$7.50 up.  
BROWNIES from \$2.00 up.



NORFOLK — RICHMOND

### THE INDEPENDENT SURPRISES HIM

Here is what Emmet Finley, editor of "Pep" the monthly magazine read by all live newspaper men, says about THE INDEPENDENT:

Mr. W. O. Saunders, Editor, The Independent, Elizabeth City, N. C. My dear Mr. Saunders:

I want to take time to tell you that you are publishing a mighty good newspaper. The two copies you sent me came to hand and I was very much surprised that a town the size of Elizabeth City could support a newspaper as good as THE INDEPENDENT and one as brave. But it seems that you are supported, and supported well; I am prompted to this remark by the volume of advertising you carry.

I appreciated very much your editorial on Bolshevism. You certainly hit the nail on the head. It's too bad that there aren't more newspapers over the country who are willing to come out and tell the truth in this connection. Their failure to do this you perhaps attribute to their dishonesty more than I do. I think stupidity is the big factor. The newspapers, just like the people, are having something put over on them. Thanks for your good interest in PEP.

Very truly yours,  
EMMET FINLEY.

# THIS BANK and the U. S. A.

The charter under which This Bank operates was granted by the United States Government and "Uncle Sam" sends his personal representatives at frequent intervals to see that our affairs are being conducted according to his strict requirements.

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4 % on Savings

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Elizabeth City, N. C.



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Yours to serve,

# E. J. COHOON

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