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THE OUTLOOK FOR THE WINTER.

One of things that makes the wheels go round is confidence in the ability of the wheels to go. A certain psychology induces to a stimulus to the wheels, and as a rule a man can do a lot of things if he thinks he can while he will fail if he lacks the confident enthusiasm of success. So it is wise to assume that things are coming our way, and in doing it we are encouraged to put a hand to the wheel and push.

A sentiment is in the air this fall saying that the coming winter is to be prosperous. The railroads report an early movement of passenger traffic South. The highways show an increasing number of tags from Northern states. Cars on the road are multiplying. Filling stations say business is improving, and the filling station has a finger on the pressure gauge of business. Real estate men tell of inquiries for locations in the Sandhill villages, and some of them seem to think the signs are unusually encouraging.

But perhaps the most forceful invisible factor that is referred to by the prophets who forecast the winter is the influence of the two new hotels, the Chalfonte at Pinehurst, and the Pine Needles at Knollwood. The Chalfonte is a striking building, high on the summit, in view of the whole creation, and filling the picture with a satisfying vision. Those who comment on it say it will have a good business and attract many new visitors this way. And of the Pine Needles great expectations are entertained. It is of such an advanced type that everybody assumes it to be a drawing card that will interest a class of people of more than ordinary desirability in this region.

Good hotels go as far in creating a name for a resort community as the natural advantages of the neighborhood ever do. The Pine Needles is a hotel of a kind that will be talked about because of its high merits as a hotel. The Sandhills have now arrived at that point where a certain acquaintance with the world leads folks to talk about the Middle Carolina field. With some new topic like the Pine Needles that talk will be emphatic and comprehensive. The Pine Needles will be advertised more this winter by those who see it than possibly any other institution in the community, because it is a new creation, and one deserving of much talk and comment. The talk about the new hotel will attract much attention from all directions. The house will bring its own patronage in a short time, and in bringing it will bring an overflow just as the other hotels have done, and in due season further accommodations will have to be provided as an outcome of the Pine Needles. The new golf course will be an added factor to make the Sandhills known to acceptable strangers. All things work together for them that love the Lord, and this will be the case this winter. The enthusiastic confidence in the coming season is justified. We can handle more good people this winter than ever, and will turn away a smaller number unless still more crowd this way, which may be the case.

THE CULTURE OF EUROPEAN GRAPES.

The Pilot is the prophet of optimism, for in Genesis it is written that the Creator saw everything that He had made and it was good. Without going far into religious topics it is apparent that we must be more or

less optimistic or we doubt the wisdom of creation. The Pilot is ultra-optimistic. It takes the whole dose and licks the spoon. Yet it is also a matter of record that some old chap advised his soldiers to trust in God and keep their powder dry. Be optimistic but saw wood.

The exhibit of European grapes in Vass and Aberdeen last week by the Seaboard railroad was gratifying. The fruit was of good quality, and the argument was convincing. European grapes will grow in the Carolina sandhills. It is beyond doubt worth while for those who have land to experiment with them. A few vines in the garden, and a few vines on the farm to test out what these grapes mean for home supplies or for possible market supplies later on is advisable. Yet it is also discreet to remember that grapes have not been a highly satisfactory crop on a large scale in this section. There is no great difference in the cultivation of American types of grapes and of European. Both require the same careful attention, and both are subject to disease. Grape growing has reached proportions in this vicinity that have permitted a close acquaintance with the benefits and the difficulties that beset the crop. Grape culture at one time exceeded that of peaches. Yet it has been practically abandoned. Because of the diseases of the vine, and also because it is a highly specialized industry taking unusual care most men have ceased to stay with the game.

The Pilot recalls but one or two growers of grapes in this section who are making the work successful, although at one time several big vineyards were in operation. This does not mean that grape growing can not be successful here. It simply says that it did not offer enough returns to lead growers to continue in the business. Therefore, while it still offers inducements, it is not a thing to go into on a very large basis. The Pilot believes it is worth while for a number of men to plant experimental plots on a small scale and to give proper care to those experiments, for the European grape is an excellent fruit and will grow in this section, as the experiment at Manley years ago demonstrated. And proper vines can be secured from the nursery that W. L. McCoy is carrying on at McBee, in South Carolina, for Mr. McCoy is a practical and dependable man. The thing is trying out. The Seaboard will help in all practical ways, and if nothing more comes than a home supply of fruit that will be worth all its costs, and more may come from an intelligent trial of the proposition. The Pilot recommends a few of these vines on every well handled farm or garden in the neighborhood, but not on those that will not give the vines proper attention and work.

THE KU KLUX AND THE LAW.

The Ku Klux has been in the front page stories pretty freely the last few weeks, and the subject of much editorial comment, most of which is on the one line, an antagonism toward masked avengers. This attitude is absolutely correct. There is no place in a successful government for unknown executors of penalty for actual or alleged crime. Nothing more surely leads to chaos and anarchy and destruction than irresponsible attempts to punish crime, for it has no limit and no governable rule of action.

But it is wise sometimes on trying to correct conditions to have a logical understanding of the causes that lead to the conditions. The Ku Klux is a body of men, and many of them evidently men of character and standing, who deplore the astounding disregard for law, and who try to give the law some of that force and standing which the citizen seems to disregard. The Ku Klux functions because there is occasion for it to function, and while The Pilot is certainly not in sympathy with its

methods the fact remains that if the occasion for its actions did not exist the Ku Klux would not usurp the law.

This is a far more serious matter than many of us suspect, for when a large number of representative men disguise themselves and inflict injury on persons accused of offense against morality or citizen that large number of men cannot be dismissed by merely condemning their method. They adopt that method because they see no better one in their immediate control, and they appeal to the one that will work rather than tolerate the offenses that most people consider grievous. The Ku Klux is the result of our falling down in law observance and law enforcement, and the mere fact that the klan does not fear the newspaper or the judge on the bench is the best evidence that the newspaper and the bench do not go far enough in putting down crime, or in influencing toward better observation of the law. Beyond all peradventure the klan in its methods is wholly wrong, but make no mistake—when law in the hands of organized society will not function men will go back to individualism, and individualism is the climax of the klan where a limited number of individuals act together, but not as a social organization including all of society. And deplore it as much as we like we are not likely to be rid of masked avengers until we have more of a semblance of law enforcement by the statutory authority. Men stand for certain things under the rules of civilization, but always in the background is that reservation of individual self-dependence, and when law as a creation of society fails to work the individual comes to the front in his own self-defense, and that is what is at the bottom of the Ku Klux, undesirable as its customs may be. The klan is a symptom. The ailment is far deeper, and it is popular disregard for law—a terribly dangerous malady.

SEABOARD GRAPE CAR ARRIVES IN VASS.

The Seaboard car with the exhibit of European grapes grown in South Carolina arrived in Vass Wednesday and was visited by a large number of people who saw a fine collection of excellent grapes of the types grown in California. W. L. McCoy, who is growing vines of the types shown was along, and with Mr. Abbott and others interested, he helped to show the folks how the experiment is working out.

The grapes displayed leave no doubt that good fruit can be made in the Carolina Sandhills, and the sentiment of the visitors to the car seemed to indicate that some experimental work in this county will follow. Information can be had from Fred Abbott, Seaboard Industrial Department, Hamlet, or from W. L. McCoy, of McBee, South Carolina.

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