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CAPPS AND THE SEABOARD.

Last week the announcement was made that Mr. Capps, of the Seaboard, has secured as an investment three building locations in the Knollwood Heights project. This is in several ways one of the most significant additions to the Knollwood community, for Mr. Capps is not only a big man in finance and industry, but he is a factor in what is perhaps the most important dependence of the Sandhills. Were the Seaboard to be wiped off the map this morning the Sandhill country would be tied in a hard knot. The Seaboard is the life of this country and on it we all depend for a large portion of our subsistence and everything else we require. The Seaboard is the open door between the locality and the world.

Therefore while the Seaboard is our existence it is also the guarantee of the future, for its policy under men like Mr. Capps is one of development and expansion of the community resources. Mr. Capps knows the future of the Sandhills because his road is making every effort to sustain that future, and to make all the factors of Sandhills life so virulent and progressive that every day sees advancement. His road has a direct interest in seeing the Sandhills thrive, for the road handles the traffic of this section. But Mr. Capps goes farther than to merely show a friendly feeling. He takes a hand wherever he can awaken new business, and broaden the facilities in the Sandhills for taking care of that new business. Nothing works harder or on a more broad and intelligent basis for the increase of industry in the Sandhills than the Seaboard. If anybody tells you the railroads are throttling the country don't believe it. The Seaboard is working night and day to broaden the industrial field along its entire lines, and that effort is manifest in striking manner in the Sandhill country. And they could not do otherwise if they wanted to. Tied by their necessities, their interests and their friendliness the Seaboard is in touch with all agencies that have for their aim to advance the common good here in Moore County, and that Mr. Capps becomes one of the lot holders of Knollwood is merely a further manifestation of his persistent help toward the community and his confidence in the days that are ahead of us.

THAT PROPOSED NEW PARK.

The scheme announced last week of a park at the Manley Spring near Southern Pines is one that deserves the most extensive backing possible on the part of the Sandhill neighborhood. The location is one of the most picturesque that can be found in the Seaboard area, and it is central to all of the villages. It will be the center of the development that is swiftly going forward, and in a few years if the villages secure the location and create the park they will have a body of land that with its improvements will be worth several hundred thousand dollars, and for which no price could be made that would be an incentive to let go of the ground.

This neighborhood is destined to fill up with people. The village lines are steadily pushing farther out into the woods, and in not a very long time the settled community will have absorbed every available foot of ground that can now be had for public uses. It will not always be that the villages will have surrounding

them the vacant land that exists now, for it is not to be long until homes will cover all that is held by individual owners and then the day of parks will be gone. Now a park site can be cut out of the valley there near the big spring, and not a great outlay of money can undertake the beginning of the park that will one day be a life saver and a striking feature of the Southern Pines community.

The sooner this thing is fanned into activity the better, for the neighborhood around the proposed park is growing, and the coming winter will probably see a development as startling as the past ten months at Knollwood have been, which means that whatever is done has to be planned and the location secured before some one else gets in there and cuts the territory into building sites to the exclusion forever of any park undertaking. Natural conditions are perfect. Big trees, hilly knobs, running water and plenty, close by the villages, on the highways, on the village streets and connecting roads, in walking distance of almost any place, and fine home sites all around the contemplated borders of the park.

THE PRICE OF PEACHES.

There is no denying that the peach situation is largely brought about by the tremendous production in Georgia and Arkansas, for the big crop is in excess of the outlets that have existed for disposing of them. But it is not a fact that the crop is bigger than could be disposed of if the machinery for distribution could meet the requirements. On Sunday a man from Pennsylvania came into the Sandhills and was at once impressed by the astonishing prices at which peaches are going, and the excellence of the fruit. And he said that before leaving home he had bought some peaches and paid twenty-five cents for three pounds.

Probably there is the trouble. The growers make the peaches and at any reasonable price could find a profit, for production has had its cost whittled down to the fine point. The railroads handle the fruit at a price that would let everybody out all right. But when the product gets to where it has to be placed in the hands of the buyer the price is such that the demand is limited, and the bulk of fruit that is moved is barred from sale because the people do not care to pay gilt-edged prices for any great quantity of anything. It looks as if the peach men, the potato men, the dewberry men, and all other growers of food supplies, must in some manner arrange that the cost of final distribution shall be proportionate to the other costs of the commodity.

The Pilot has no notion where the trouble is but it does know from repeated experience in the Northern markets summer after summer that the stuff that is grown and sold by North Carolina producers at a price that could be an incentive to buyers in the North is sold there at a figure that compels the consumer to take small quantities at a cost that kill all incentive to buy liberally. When it costs three times as much to get the peaches from the commission house to the consumer as it costs to make the fruit and deliver it to the dealer who buys from the commission house, including all costs, the weak spot in the peach market is apparent. When peaches go from the commission man in the North at \$1.50 a bushel and the consumer pays at the rate of \$5.00 a bushel the proportion is fatal. No grower will raise \$1.50 stuff to sell by some one else for \$5.00, for people will not buy enough at the price to pay the grower his small margin.

VOTING A SPLIT TICKET.

Much discussion has been going on regarding the right of a voter to deposit in the ballot box a split ticket, or one that includes names of candidates from

different political parties. Fortunately the conclusion appears to be that a voter may select the candidates he chooses to vote for and were it otherwise the result would be the same, for no power on earth can prevent a citizen of the State and Nation from casting his vote to suit his own notion.

It should be easy enough to see that no man may go into a primary election and vote as a member of a party without showing that he is allied with that party, and it is the right of the party organization to deny to any voter the privilege of voting in the primary. Otherwise the party organization could not be preserved, and it is sound logic to insist that only Democrats may vote in Democratic primaries and only Republicans in Republican primaries, for the primary election is solely the act of the party organization in selecting its candidates. No one not a member of the party has any claim on the nomination of party candidates.

But when it comes to the day of the general election and officers are to be chosen to fill local and general positions, every accredited citizen qualified to vote has the right to cast such a ballot as he desires, and no one has any authority to tell him who shall be the selections on his ticket. At the polls all political and party authority ceases except such as is of a friendly or advisory character, and all such is at the option of the voter.

It is well for political managers to realize that while they might offer a show of compulsion in regard to voters, the thing would have such a reaction in the ultimate that it would be suicidal. The way to hold the voter is to nominate candidates who are acceptable to him, and then gain support through popular approval. Any attempt to drive the voter to the polls and force him to vote for any name he does not favor is to disrupt the party organization, and will never work with American free men.

NIAGARA

Clyde Burns, of Orangeburg, S. C., was a visitor in our village on Saturday. Oscar Seward, of Farmington, Me., spent the week end in these parts. W. J. O'Daniel and family, of

Chatham county, also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris were pleasant visitors in our village on Monday.

L. W. Rhodes and family motored to Fayetteville and returned Sunday. J. W. Snipes and family spent Sunday at Cedar Grove church in Chatham county, it being a home coming day, and people that had not seen each other for 30 and 40 years gathered again, coming in from the four corners of the county. It was indeed a pleasant occasion to each and every one.

Miss Evelyn Snipes is visiting relatives in the vicinity of Chapel Hill.

Peach shipping is on in good shape now in this section, but we understand that prices are discouraging; such a tremendous large crop.

Rev. G. V. Tilley and wife, of Newton, spent a day or two in our village this week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Snipes.

Masters W. C. and J. A. Tew, of Southern Pines, are visiting little Charlie Green this week.

Little Mary Olive Morgan is away on a visit to relatives in Summerton, South Carolina.

LOST—White and tan spotted pointer dog; also white and black ticked setter bitch. Both dogs wearing collars with name, George C. Moore, Southern Pines. Notify E. V. Perkinson, Southern Pines. 4t.

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