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Now that the town primary is over, let's all pull together for a bigger and better Dunn.

Don't forget that one of the best investments a Dunn business man can make is to invest in Dispatch advertising.

Regardless of whether or not the town primary results were to your liking, don't kick, but pull for the home town.

After reading the reports of the activities of the "whipping boys" in that Florida prison, we have no desire whatever to become an inmate of that institution.

Somebody has said the best way in the world to scatter news is to telegraph, telephone and tell-a-woman, and in our opinion, the greatest of these is tell-a-woman. We might add that this is intended as a compliment to the women.

Aside from being the third week in April this is "Sweet Potato Week" and "Courtesy Week," and we don't know just how other kinds of weeks it may prove to be. Any way, we should eat potatoes and be courteous, not only this week, but every week.

The suggestion that the newspaper investigate the charges brought against the State prison authorities is somewhat like asking a reporter to make an address when he is attempting to "cover" a meeting. The newspaper's part will be to inform the public of what the investigators find.

You'll have to give the ladies credit for the results of the town primary. They apparently outwitted the men just why this dependent know-nothing. Yet, we've learned that if the ladies of Dunn are for you politically, it's settled, and the same if they're against you, but in a different light.

Have you made your contribution for feeding and clothing the more than 100,000 Armenian orphans in American orphanages? If not, hand or mail it to Rev. A. R. McQueen, chairman of the Near East Relief in Dunn. America has kept them alive for five years and now they must not be "turned out" to starve and freeze to death, like thousands of others in that country have done.

**END NOT IN SIGHT**  
 Indications are that it will yet be a long time before the country gets fully over the reaction that followed close upon the heels of the wartime prosperity, which was enjoyed for a season during and just after the close of the World War. Many of the bank failures, even of late months, are direct results of loans made during those days. Loans that were backed with property at the inflated value were made by bankers. When the re-action came about, banks, like individuals, found that many of the loans were uncollectible and as a result the banks have "dried up."

**DRUNK MAN AT THE WHEEL**  
 In Philadelphia a man named Brock, and described as a "wealthy clubman," attempted to drive an automobile on the crowded streets of that city while drunk. As a result he killed three people and injured some others. When hauled into court he entered a plea of guilty to the charge of second degree murder and was sentenced to not less than six nor more than ten years in the penitentiary. While the sentence may be a little stiffer than is usually meted out to "wealthy clubmen" for like offenses, we believe a still stiffer sentence would have been more fitting for the case.

You'll admit that six years in the penitentiary is not equal to having one's life snuffed out by a drunken automobile driver. It might be added that one of the greatest menaces to the safety of those traveling the public highways is the "drunk man at the wheel." He not only endangers his own life and that of any who may "have the nerve" to ride with him, but every other person who happens to be in his path. However, a few more of these "six to ten years" sentences will serve to lessen the number who will take the chance of driving an automobile while in a drunken condition.

**NEGRO MIGRATION**

Are the negroes of the Dunn District migrating to the North? The editor of The Dispatch recently received such an inquiry from a Federal organization. The question was answered in the negative. If the negro population of this section is leaving for the North or any other section, we have failed to note their departure.

Yet, it is true, according to reports, that the negroes are leaving the South in large numbers and going North. Why this is true, we are unable to say. Chances are, however, that the negroes who leave the South will want to return and will return in a very short time. A noted negro speaker recently made the statement that the people of the North loved the negro as a race, but cared nothing for him as an individual, while he said the people of the South care nothing for the negro as a race, but only cared for the individual. The speaker added that he would rather live where the people care for the individual negro and named the South as the best home on earth for the negro.

**DUDDING STARTS SOMETHING**

One E. E. Dudding, head of the Prisoners' Relief society, of Washington, D. C., appears to have started something. In letters sent to North Carolina prison authorities he paints horrible pictures of the ill-treatment of prisoners, and goes so far as to say he can prove that the charges, including that of unmercifully whipping of women prisoners, are true. Some of the prison authorities apparently wish to pass the charges of Dudding, who is himself an ex-convict, unnoticed. Others think the matter should be sifted out to the satisfaction of a bewildered public.

While we pin but little faith in Dudding or his sensational charges, since the matter has been stirred to the extent that it has, it might be well to do a little investigating. We don't believe in the inhuman treatment of prisoners, neither do we believe in making it too pleasant for those who have been found guilty of violating the laws of the land. Prisons are not intended for pleasure resorts and those who go there expecting to find them such are usually disappointed, as perhaps this man Dudding was.

We happen to know that a number of convicts in a nearby county "struck" recently and refused to leave their cage or to work for two days. In fact, they never did begin to work until two or three of the strike-promoters, or leaders, had been whipped. What could be used as a substitute for a whipping in cases of this kind?

Spring time means home beautification time—a few vines and flowers planted now will make a vast difference this summer in the appearance of the house and year, says home demonstration workers of the agricultural extension service.

**PENROD SCREEN IS HUMOROUS REVEL FOR GROWNUPS AND CHILDREN**

(Prepared Review.)  
 For years the cynics have declared that Booth Tarkington's inimitable characters of American boyhood, involved in his "Penrod" stories, could never be successfully brought to the screen in one complete feature picture. They pointed out the impossibility of getting the juvenile actors that the story called for, the lack of connected sequence between the episodes and the absence of counter action to make a story of dramatic value for the screen.

Despite their protests it has been done, for "Penrod," the First National attraction produced by Marshall Neilan, which will be shown at the Colonial Theatre Monday, is one of the most genuinely human, appealing and interesting pictures that has ever been seen. The director has taken Booth Tarkington's characters and given them a lifelike interpretation breathing the very essence of youthful rascality and roguishness. He has taken the separate episodes of Penrod's existence and moulded them into one coherent story. He has preserved for the screen the one story that should never be allowed to disappear—the epic of American boyhood. It is a revel in humor—one which everyone will enjoy.

If the picture lacks villains and counter action it is only because it deals with juveniles and is so far more salutary and entertaining than

a great deal of the dramatic material of these days. Penrod Scofield, who has acquired the reputation of being the town's "most fulfilled" boy, goes through his steps in learning to dance, in forming the American Boys' Protective Association, in visiting the circus, learning the ravages of drink from a one-night travel troupe, putting on his own circus with disastrous effects.

**ROBINSON IS NOMINATED**

Payetteville, April 18.—In the democratic municipal primary here today H. McD. Robinson defeated J. C. McRae for Mayor. Aldermen nominated were J. H. Plummer, E. W. Percival, J. R. Harrison, J. R. Tolar, Jr., R. H. Buckingham, G. B. Patterson, R. D. Jones, and O. J. McConnell. For the board of adult and finance, W. W. Horne, D. U. Sandlin, J. H. Culbreth were nomi-

nated. Nomination is equivalent to election, as there will be no opposition in the regular election on the first Monday in May.

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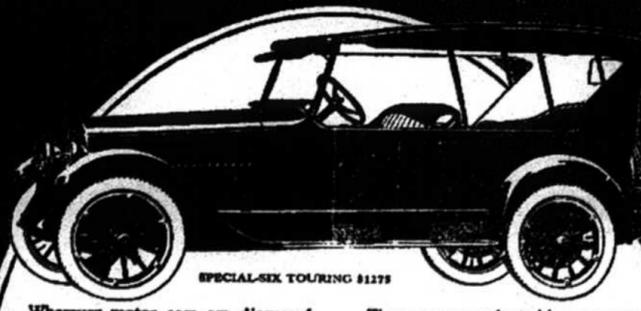
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