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TOP OF THE MORNING
The egotist often finds life comfortable, but he never finds it noble; the conceited man often enjoys himself, but he never makes self a synonym for spiritual compass and power.—Mable.

COAL REGION CELEBRATION.

The Star thanks the Lee County chamber of commerce for an invitation to attend a celebration at Sanford next Wednesday, July 11, purposed to enable North Carolinians to see the state's coal region and to grasp the meaning of the new developments in the Deep River coal basin, by viewing the extensive mining developments now in progress six miles from the Lee county city of Sanford. The governor, lieutenant governor, state officials, leaders of the general assembly, members of the North Carolina press, and 250 of the leading business men of the state have been invited to the celebration so they can see and appreciate some of the great resources of the state.

The event has been planned in connection with the recent report of the United States Geological survey concerning the Deep River coal field in which there is available for mining 87,000,000 tons of bituminous coal with the same volatility as that of the Pocahontas coal fields of West Virginia. We have been over that coal region and are proud of the fact that we had an opportunity to start in motion the publicity which has brought about confirmation of the report of Dr. Emmons in 1852 and of Admiral Wilkes in 1856.

The Lee county chamber of commerce has done well to emphasize the resources of Lee and adjoining counties, for there are coal deposits in at least 14 North Carolina counties. The Deep River field has been more carefully examined and now the operations there are giving employment to more than a thousand men. The occasion at Sanford will be "Industrial Day," and it will occur next Wednesday beginning at 10:30 a. m. and lasting throughout the day. An interesting program and barbecue have been arranged for Sanford's guests, and one of the features will be an automobile trip to the coal fields, copper mines, iron mines and other industries. Those who attend will have a fine opportunity to "know North Carolina" in a particular that will amaze them.

BOOSTING ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIES

Every time the success of established industries is emphasized it is a convincing argument that newcomer industries have the same opportunities for success. The Star has often pointed to Wilmington's flourishing manufacturing group as an example for others, and has made it a point in frequent articles to mention the fact that Wilmington's successful industrial group includes three of the "Big Five," besides several manufacturing concerns looming large in the national group.

The Star notes with interest that the Montgomery Advertiser is emphasizing the success of local industries in a manner that is quote striking and convincing. That Alabama paper calls attention to the fact that "Montgomery has one of the largest pickle plants in the south," the Price-Booker Manufacturing company, which employs 200 helpers during the busy packing season. It furnishes a market for cucumbers from south Alabama and southwest Georgia, and its high class vinegars and bulk cucumber pickles are shipped to all portions of the United States. The company owns its own tank cars, and is extending its business into all states. Montgomery people make it a point to buy the home product, hence her merchants are always stocked with a Montgomery factory product.

In order to give the city a boost through that big local industry, the Advertiser requests all readers to mention the facts to "three more people." A few years ago, there was no cucumber growing industry in Alabama and Georgia, but now that an industrial plant furnishes a market for the farmers, the producing industry has grown to large proportions. Creating a demand is always sure to promote production.

IT'S NORTH CAROLINA'S MOVE.

On numerous occasions hinterland Carolina has held "just freight rate" conventions and even formed the North Carolina Just Freight Rate association with the determination to free this state from rail rates outrageously discriminating against interior North Carolina points. Technically, rates in favor of Virginia points, obviously unjust to North Carolina's interior cities, were based upon "deep water" at Norfolk, although practically the same class of ocean freighters which trade at Norfolk also trade at Wilmington. Is it possible that interior North Carolina has so soon forgotten its desperate and losing fights for suitable rail rates?

The fact is, North Carolina has spent thousands of dollars for attorneys' fees and for the expenses of the state corporation commission which has waged hot fights against freight rate discrimination. North Carolina's contentions have always been vain. They were made on the ground of "justice," but denied by the Interstate Commerce commission on purely technical grounds. A quarter of a century ago that should have warned North Carolina that her only remedy was a competitive port, but she never took the initiative till last January, when Governor Morrison sprung his ship and state port terminal proposition. That gave North Carolina an opportunity to help herself, for it is a state problem which Governor Morrison hopes to solve and not any specific problem of any port or sub-port in North Carolina.

The ship and port problem has been generally discussed in connection with the investigation now being conducted by the state ship and water transportation commission, but some of our esteemed hinterland contemporaries do not seem to be able to grasp the idea that the problem is that of their own territory and not that of Wilmington, New Bern, Beaufort or any other ocean front town. Nevertheless, some North Carolina editors apparently cannot get away from the idea that it is Wilmington's problem or that of the ocean front towns. Indeed, port towns are more incidentally than generally concerned, but they happen to be the key to the situation and through them the state has an opportunity to unlock the Pandora box of technicalities which have had and forever will have a ruinous economic effect on North Carolina generally and on interior North Carolina specifically. We quote here from the valued Asheville Citizen the kind of slant with which some of North Carolina's papers are viewing this matter, to-wit:

Before Dr. E. C. Branson had been in Hamburg ten minutes, apparently, he had his text for a message to North Carolina on the building of seaport towns. In his first letter, published in Sunday's Citizen, he says: "I had forgotten, if I ever knew, what difficulties Hamburg has had to conquer in order to become the greatest export shipping center of continental Europe. Natural advantages alone considered, Wilmington has Hamburg beat a thousand miles, as the boys say. But for a thousand years or more Hamburg has been dredging and protecting her channel into the open sea, and excavating the silt and quay that now spread out, like the fingers of a monster hand, into the thousands of acres of water surface."

It takes time and money to do such a thing, says Dr. Branson; "also it takes the pressure of business in exportable surpluses and the demand for imported goods in a populous back-country."

And then he says this to Wilmington and to all North Carolina, in which town and state there has been and is much debate over the proposition of better water terminal facilities:

"When the rapidly developing prosperity of North Carolina creates similar business conditions and necessities, then the state must have her own accessible, well equipped port, first for coast-wise shipping and then for trade and travel on the high seas most likely at Wilmington. And the chances are that Wilmington must herself take the initiative even as New Orleans, and Los Angeles did. Manifest dividends, invite capital and create courage everywhere."

It is reasonable to suppose that, at the very least, the next general assembly of North Carolina will offer its aid to Wilmington and other coast cities in making it possible for some of them to become great harbor cities, like San Diego and New Orleans. But San Diego was so much in earnest that the citizens bonded themselves \$4 to the inhabitant. In Wilmington there seems to be no united opinion on the need for any greater accommodation for shipping than the place now has. And if Wilmington has no bigger vision than this, it is time for the forward-looking citizens of Wilmington to take off their coats and go to work."

costs of every factor entering into the making of North Carolina.

So it is Dr. Branson, for he is a forward looking North Carolinian and he has oftentimes applied to the development of North Carolina the principles of economics which the state must adopt if it hopes to make the substantial progress it is capable of under such leaders as our distinguished University professor. We are sure, however, that Dr. Branson is misunderstood when he is supposed to declare it as a principle that port development must depend on "municipal initiative," since that now is only incidental to present major port developments. Once the national idea was that internal improvements developed upon the states and for a long time the states held themselves aloof from federal "paternalism." However, the problems of the nation and the state were so inter-related that for a half century interstate commerce and port development is entirely a function of the government, depending on the needs of the nation and the commerce to justify public expenditures.

Hamburg is the world's third greatest port measured by her commerce, coming after New York and London. For centuries, it is true that Hamburg and the state of Hamburg were responsible for development of the Elbe waterway, but in 1838, Hamburg became a member of the German customs which so developed commerce that in 1890 the German empire devoted \$40,000,000 to port terminal development at Cuxhaven. Thereafter the Elbe became the ocean gateway of the empire, as it is now in service for the republic. Hamburg alone never could have developed the nation's ocean gateway and made it the shipping emporium of continental Europe.

As a purely state and economic proposition, no port town ever can or ever will be able to develop an ocean gateway for North Carolina, and Dr. Branson plumps the line when he declares that "the state must have her own accessible, well equipped port," although "the chances are that Wilmington must herself take the initiative even as New Orleans and Los Angeles did." New Orleans, 100 miles from the sea, never became a major port till the state of Louisiana took it over.

So far as "initiative" is concerned, Wilmington took that years ago, developed a commerce of \$65,000,000 a year, and the municipality itself owns about 900 feet of harbor front property which she proposes to make a free gift to the state for the comprehensive terminal development that North Carolina needs. Wilmington is back of the state in any comprehensive plan she adopts, and the port interests are unanimously with Wilmington, including the great exporting concern of Alexander Sprunt and Son, Inc., and the Atlantic Coast Line. Individuals concerned in port traffic may object, but merely as individuals.

SPIRIT OF '76.

Those who did not read the Fourth of July speech of the Hon. A. W. McLean, at Rutherfordton last Wednesday, should take up again yesterday's Star and pour over every word of that Independence day address. Mr. McLean discussed the text of the Declaration of Independence and analyzed it along with other immortal principles upon which our popular government is founded. He interpreted the fundamental phrases of that great document, the greatest of doctrines ever propounded by mankind, and his address served a vital educational purpose in rebuking certain flippant interpreters who have not possessed the profound insight and statesmanship that would enable them to grasp the meaning of the American declaration of independence. It sounded the death-knell of autocracy, Mr. McLean conclusively showed, and gradually that same American doctrine has liberated the people of more than half the peoples of the world. It led to liberty for the British people themselves, and today our Declaration of Independence is the chart for the "world democracy." Probably few American statesmen have so clearly discussed the living and spreading doctrine which makes men free and nations independent.

MONROE DOCTRINE FOR FRANCE
PARIS, July 5.—The suggestion that America should guarantee the security of France from future German invasion by the promulgation of a sort of second Monroe Doctrine was made by Blith W. Branch, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, speaking as chairman of the organization Independence Day banquet.

LEGION WITH GIBBONS
GREENVILLE, S. C., July 5.—Delegates to the annual convention of the department of South Carolina of the American legion voted today unanimously to send a telegram of congratulations to Tom Gibbons, St. Paul, for his showing against Jack Dempsey in the heavyweight championship fight at Shelby, Mont. yesterday.

CONTEMPORARY VIEWS.

Charleston's Election
The enrollment figures as published yesterday testify to the tremendous interest which the Mayorality election, held on August 7 has excited. Four years ago the total enrollment was 7,904. The women had not then been given the ballot. Last year in the governor's race the total enrollment for the city was 10,442, of which 3,382 were women. Figures are not available as to the number of women enrolled for the present election, but it would appear that the number is approximately as large as that for the men.

Two months ago, when Mr. Stoney began his campaign, the impression was strong—at least on Broad street—that it would not be possible to get the voters to shake off the political apathy which seemed to have settled so heavily upon them. How mistaken this view was is now evident to all; for there has never been an election in Charleston in which interest was keener, as the figures show.

There are a good many persons who will probably like to know how the enrollment for this year compares with that of four years ago. The table published below shows this and shows also the approximate number of white persons 21 years of age and over in Charleston as given in the 1920 census by wards. The census tables are so grouped that it is impossible to give this information exactly; the total of white persons 21 years of age and over in 1920 having been only 2,032 in fact; the census of its enumeration by wards repeating certain groups. Still these figures are approximately right by wards for 1920 and have a certain interest and value. Of course, the population figures by wards have changed considerably since 1920; but the 1920 figures are the only ones available for comparison.—Charleston News and Courier.

Roasting Ear Co-operative Marketing.
The depot platform presented a busy scene, 14 men and boys being employed all day sorting, trimming and crating the snowflake roasting ear corn brought in by 15 growers to make up a carload. The work was supervised by Mr. Julian Mackey, of Valdosta, and Mr. J. R. Kramer, a northern buyer. The expense of packing came to 30 cents per crate, and the price from four to six dozen ears of corn, according to size. Messrs. Mackey and Kramer offered to buy the carload at \$1 per crate; that is 63 cents net. The carload was finally sold in the afternoon to Mr. W. L. Miller at \$1.05 per crate. It is expected that another carload will be made up next week. Mr. R. E. Carter expects to have a whole carload of his own by that time.—Lanier County (Ga.) News.

To Be Sure
A lot of prominent New York Republicans are going to give "Hi" Johnson a big dinner on July 25, in honor of his return from Europe, and the Harding men are wondering just what it means. Why should the president care? In his St. Louis speech he made an abject surrender to the senator on his World Court proposition, and if he wants a re-nomination there are plenty of federal officeholders to put him across. Can't a modest gentleman come back from Europe and meet a few friends in a sociable way without having his motives impugned?—Philadelphia Record.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR
The country editor is becoming a man of more consequence in his community than the public is disposed to believe. What would the country people do without the editor's paper, anyway? So good an authority as the chief of Division of rural schools at Washington, has prepared a very attractive bouquet which he is tossing to the country editor. This community asset, says the chief of division gives freely of the schoolhouse as a community center, where the people can get together, not only to talk over school's progress, but to discuss the many subjects relating to better farming. The editor is the best friend of the boys' and girls' clubs, which generally start in the schoolhouse and will print any number of items about the best acre of corn, the best pigs, the best chickens and the largest tomatoes raised by the club members. And all this is free. The country editor is "some pumpkins," isn't he, Zeb?—Charlotte Observer.

MRS. CYRUS MCCORMICK DIES
CHICAGO, July 5.—Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick, mother of Cyrus H. Jr. and Harold McCormick, died at her home today at Lake Forest, near Chicago. Mrs. McCormick had been ill for a week with acute bronchitis. She was 88 years old.

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MISS NICHOLS LOCATED

RALIGH, July 5.—Miss Evelyn Nichols, music teacher of Caraleigh Mills village, whose mysterious disappearance Monday puzzled and alarmed friends, has been located at the home of friends eight miles from Monroe, according to announcement at police headquarters here tonight.

Before taking the train for Monroe Monday afternoon, Miss Nichols, according to authorities at a local hospital,

endeavored to secure the services of a nurse to accompany her. She was complaining of severe neuralgia at the time.

ENDEAVOR CONVENTION MEETS

DES MOINES, Ia., July 5.—This city is host to thousands of Christian Endeavorers from all parts to their twenty-ninth annual convention. Leaders expect 15,000 delegates.

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