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THE HIGH SCHOOL

The enthusiasm with which the people of Charlotte voted \$250,000 for the purpose of building and equipping a High School was sufficient manifestation of the urgency of this utility and of the determination of the city to secure it.

There would appear to be nothing in the way of the building committee for a resumption of activities, the situation being one which should give promise of the realization of this ambitious hope of the people by the coming of Spring.

LETTING WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

A meeting is booked for Columbus, O., this week, of prohibitionists whose object is to start a movement, not for Nation-wide prohibition, but for a dry world.

UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S HAND.

Director General McAdoo has laid plans for governmental operation and control of the railroads for some time to come, and in the same connection comes information of the consolidation and taking over of the express business.

EXPECTING WILSON.

There has been no word from the White House yet as to presidential expectations in the matter of a trip to France, but there is a growing feeling on part of the people that the peace conference would find a very important bit of furniture missing if President Wilson should not be there.

NO WORRY THERE.

When war was declared by the United States the crews aboard many of the German ships interned in this country damaged or sunk the vessels. It is reported that in Germany this same procedure has been adopted in some instances by submarine crews, but in this case, there need be no small worry by the Allies.

THE TRAGEDY OF A RAILROAD

The North Wilkesboro Hustler brings information that work of reconstructing the Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad is suspended probably until after the sale of that property on December 17, and this calls to mind an experience that is a tragedy in the history of railroad construction in North Carolina.

The Watauga & Yadkin runs from North Wilkesboro to the foot of the Blue Ridge, east of Boone, its western objective. It traverses a virgin section of the State and runs through one of the richest agricultural, timber and minerals territories in the entire South.

The Watauga & Yadkin was originally started as a lumbering road, but the possibilities of its extension over the ridge and the bringing of the vast agricultural resources of that section within reach of the State, were of so appealing a nature that its extension was decided upon.

CONSCIENCELESS REPUBLICANS.

What do you think The Charlotte News and Courier is doing? Why, it is suggesting to the leaders of the National Republican party that in view of the manner in which the war against Germany has been wound up, a statement in the form of a confession and an apology is due from them.

THE RALEIGH IDEA.

"As for Camp Greene at Charlotte," remarks The State Journal, "that has never been satisfactory to anybody save General Leonard Wood—and to him not for long—and The Charlotte Observer.

THE STATE'S BIGGEST ADVERTISEMENT.

Government wireless telegraphy is a commercial proposition an dhat fact only makes more certain the completion of the radio station at Baker's near Monroe.

WHINING BEGGARS.

The German Government is making complaint that the people in some of the towns which the Germans have been holding for several years, have of a sudden manifested a rude disposition to the German population, which consists, by the way, entirely of rough-neck soldiers whose conduct in the past has not been characterized by any degree of gentleness.

LODGE'S BED FELLOW.

Senator Lodge did not dream of a Democratic colleague from Massachusetts, but it is not probable his chagrin will prompt him to resign.

SIXTY MILLION FOR ROADS.

Illinois has approved the issue of \$60,000,000 of bonds to provide means for the construction of 4,800 miles of good roads, the work to be done and the expenditure to be made within five years after the close of the war.

BERLIN'S SIEGES ALLEE.

When such a thorough-going Teuton as Theodor Wolff makes fun of Berlin's Sieges Allee and urges that the statues of the Hohenzollerns shall be removed from it there can be no doubt of the complete reversal of German sentiment and that it is running strongly against Kaiserism and militarism.

THE MERCHANT MARINE

Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, in making public some of the plans of the War Department for bringing back home that portion of the Army which can be spared, with about the same haste in which it was sent over, incidentally revealed some matters in connection with the merchant marine of the future that must cause much gratification among the American people, for it is plainly indicated that it is the intention of the Government to give the United States the largest fleet of commercial ships of any Nation.

Of course there is, and of course these people, whatever their station, should be brought to trial and be punished according to the gravity of their offenses, if found guilty.

The trials of these people must be surrounded with every safeguard against any injustice and any appearance of injustice.

MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Raleigh is now agitating the erection of a memorial building, having been inspired by suggestion made by Mr. D. E. Henderson, of Charlotte. The plan has the endorsement of Governor Bickett and all State officials, and the Governor will shortly name the committee to get the movement under way.

THE "ORIGINAL" CLAIM PRE-EMPTED.

The Houston Post is inclined not to believe the story somebody phoned it that General Pershing is a Republican. It insists that it is impossible.

CONFERENCE AT STATESVILLE.

The War Savings Conference which was booked for Salisbury will be held in Statesville, having been changed on account of influenza conditions in the former city.

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THE OPEN FORUM

THE GERMAN CRIMINALS.

Doctor Herring would have all of them brought to justice, but of a Moorish Ethic.

Not so to do would more than half defeat the purposes which have brought us into this war.

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LOOKING BACKWARD

Items of Interest Concerning People of Charlotte and the Carolinas, From The Observer of This Date, 1908 and 1898.

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DEMOCRATS CONTRIBUTED MONEY IN RECENT CAMPAIGN

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—The statement of the democratic national committee for the period from October 31 to November 12 shows two \$1,000 contributions from the Carolina, W. N. Reynolds of Winston-Salem and F. L. Seely, of Asheville. Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, gave \$750. Five hundred dollars each was contributed by H. C. MacRae, of Wilmington, and Julius W. Coates, of Greensboro. Two hundred and fifty dollars was contributed by former Governor R. B. Glenn, of Winston-Salem; A. D. Waits, of Statesville; and P. H. Haynes, of Greensboro; J. W. West, of Mt. Airy, contributed \$200.