

NEW BERN QUAIN OLD CITY

OLD CITIES REVEALS IN TELLS

NEW BERN QUAIN OLD CITY. In Old Time, "Athens of North Carolina," New Bern a memory—An Old City That is Rich in History—Interesting Memorials of Colonial Days—Some of the City's Interesting Personages—The Commercial Traveler a Sign of Prosperity.

Correspondence of The Observer. Newbern, Jan. 27.—Leaving Wilmington in what was almost summer-like weather, the run to Newbern was made over the road built over a dozen years ago by wealthy Thomas M. McDuffie, of New York, and taken over by the Atlantic Coast Line, which system has so much trackage in this section. The trip was peculiarly interesting and the only break in the monotony is at Jacksonville, where the shortest river in the State, New river, is crossed. It really begins there, and is deep and navigable all the way to the ocean, being hence unique. It is notable for oysters, which are the largest in the State. Mr. McDuffie's fine estate, "Onslow Hall," is some miles down the Onslow river. The road on to Newbern is swampy and in all the higher land the work of the destroyers, the saw mills, shows plainly. The big timber is mostly going to the pitifully small cities of the south.

Like the Indian, the timber must go, it seems. The deals in it are astounding, and men with nerve and some money are making fortunes. It was told of Newbern that for example, who got a tip on a swamp in Brunswick county, bought it for \$30,000, sold it for \$200,000 and now the owner wants \$300,000 for it. Ten times the price paid for it a little while ago!

The timber world has its eyes on eastern North Carolina and a score of rumors are afloat. One of those in that back of all the rumors is the "Octopus," in other words, Standard Oil. It is asserted that the latter desires to control the eastern timber lands. The State board of education is the largest holder of what are generally termed "Swamp Lands." So large are the holdings that no man, not even an official, can tell you the amount. But a noted timber man assured me that the State would hold all its swamp lands for twelve years, let us say, and guard against trespassers. It could have something which would easily pay it debt.

Timber, fish and truck—these are the sources of wealth in the eastern section. Trucking is, say what one will, largely speculation. The labor question is more and more entering into it as a factor. Perhaps the best known of all the fine farms in this section is that of Hackburn & Willett, at Newbern. Editor Charles L. Stevens, of The Newbern Journal, drove me there, and Mr. Willett said that they were on the point of giving up the business, owing to the difficulty which the labor problem presented. I ventured to suggest to him to write to the Italian minister and see if people from that country could not be brought in of satisfactory character. Last spring while at Galveston, Texas, I had the pleasure of meeting the minister, who said in all his speeches and in his private remarks that he thought the South offered great opportunities to his people.

MR. WILLIAMS TO SPEAK

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Democratic Minority Leader in Congress will be one of Davidson's commencement orators—Sermon by Dr. W. W. Moore.

Correspondence of The Observer. Davidson, Jan. 28.—Dr. Smith made an announcement at chapel this morning which was hailed by the students with evident marks of satisfaction, not to say delight. It was to the effect that the Honorable John Sharp Williams, the distinguished Congressman from Mississippi, and leader of the Democratic minority in the present Congress, had signified his acceptance of the invitation to deliver the commencement address at Davidson, the last of May. The good offices of Representative Webb from this distinguished speaker was publicly noted by Dr. Smith.

With a baccalaureate from Rev. Dr. James I. Vance and an oration by Williams, the outlook for a brilliant commencement is bright. Yesterday the college and town was treated to the great privilege and enjoyed the all too infrequent pleasure of hearing Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore preach both morning and evening. Of course much was expected from this distinguished preacher and loyal son of Davidson, and much was realized in the way of enjoyment. In the morning he took as his text: "There is another King, one—Jesus." In a rapid but forceful review the speaker traced the marvelous growth of Christianity from its humble beginnings, picturing to the imagination the grand Constantine did reverence to its founder when the dignitaries of the Church gathered at Nice, also that when Charlemagne deemed the proud emperor in his life, to have placed upon his head the "iron" crown, so called because the iron band overlaid with gold was popularly supposed to have been made from one of the spikes used in nailing theavior to the cross. Napoleon, too, wicked man that he was, the greatest military genius of the ages entertained some of the same reverence and did obedience before the same symbol of authority. It was for a while a stable and a proof of the Kingdom of Jesus. And His Kingdom lies further not merely in His intellectual greatness supreme as this is, nor in His code of morals, but in His life, and in His beneficent and foremost in His power to save. His work as a Redeemer—a Savior of lost men.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the bank of Fayetteville, held at the home of Mr. J. E. Martin, a prominent business man of the city, was made a member of the board.

Mr. J. F. Tabbot, the purchaser of "Rome" from the east end of Davidson, broomed the street in mention of which was made in the last news letter to The Observer, will build ten tenements, besides conducting a store.

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