

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of six cents per line for first insertion. No ad taken for less than 25 cents. Cash in advance.

WANTED—Board with good warm room. State terms. A. R. V. Observer.

WANTED—Position by experienced hardware clerk. Best reference. Address Box 11, York City, N. C.

WANTED—To borrow \$1000 at 4 per cent on best city real estate. W. C. O. Observer.

WANTED—Position in grocery or general store by young man 18. P. O. Box 175, Maxton, N. C.

WANTED—Bookkeeper, stenographer, ratchet setter, dogger, shipping clerk, store-room man, traveling salesman, collector, bookkeeper. Apply 11 E. Third street.

WANTED—To buy city property, \$500 in cash. Address "Capital," care Observer.

WANTED—Position by young man with clerical experience. Address Clerk, care Observer.

WANTED—Which Intermediate R. & L. 365 Drawing Iron 12. For sale Dan Warner, 500 So. Prichett Machinery Co., Greensboro.

WANTED—Housekeeper for small family, male stenographer, experienced cigar maker, news boys, salesman for clothing and dry goods, blacksmith, salesman and collector, experienced salesman for ladies' garments, washer man for laundry, first class assessor for laundry, salesman for North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Apply Southern Employment Agency, 41 Third Side.

WANTED—For U. S. Army, able-bodied, unmarried men, between ages 18 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 15 West Fifth street, Charlotte, N. C.; 5 South Main street, Asheville, N. C.; National Bank Building, Raleigh, N. C.; 611 South Centre street, Statesville, N. C.; or 1014 West Main street, Spartanburg, S. C.

FOR SALE—FOR QUICK SALE—Fleeting building site in Elizabeth Heights. 212 foot front, alley in rear. Car at corner. Will be sold as a whole or in part. Address owner, P. O. Box 111.

FOR SALE—On account of impaired vision, I offer for sale my large and well selected stock of dress, millinery, sundries and furniture. Store is desirably located in the growing city of Chester, N. C., stock complete, furniture good and permanently established by many years of satisfactory dealing, and can be daily increased and held. Success brings success. Write or call on J. E. Strain, 1014 Chester, S. C.

FOR SALE—Machine shop in bustling North Carolina town, equipped with the latest and best machine tools. Running every day. In possession about three years. Paid 30 per cent annually on investment. Will require about \$800 cash. Address O. K., care Charlotte Observer.

LOST—Black enamel dial pin with pearls on leaves and diamond centre. Suitable reward if returned to Observer. Address Charles H. Brown.

MISCELLANEOUS—READ The Little-Long's ads this week.

SINGER Sewing Machine, good condition for \$25. Apply No. 3 Church St.

YOU GET ITS in "Emery" Shirts at Little-Long's.

WIN CAKE FANS at Little-Long's, to each till sold.

ROOM AND BOARD—Mrs. A. G. Vason, 11 West Seventh St.

SEND US your drying and cleaning. Queen City Dyeing & Cleaning Works.

FRESH FISH and Oysters, select Norfolk oysters and choice fresh fish. W. W. Crowell, 1014 East Morehead street. Phone 102.

DRINK COFFEE in Little-Long's real plain white china cups and saucers, 50¢ a set.

SEND US to Eagle Distilling Co., South Boston, Va., and get a gallon of that pure old corn whiskey that everybody is talking about. Charles H. Brown.

THINK! Genuine Genu-Oil Butter milk soap at Little-Long's 3¢ cakes for 15¢.

THE LITTLE-LONG CO. are sole agents for "Biscuits" Show for men and women.

LADY STENOGRAPHER wanted at once. Address High Stationers, The Lyon Furnishery Agency, High Point, N. C.

THAT FRIDAY and Saturday sale at Little-Long's catches me.

LINOTYPE—Lady operator desires position. Experienced. A. W., care Observer.

A LARGE well-established life insurance company has some splendid openings in North Carolina for men of character and ability who can produce business. Address with references Box 12, Charlotte, N. C.

REARER BALL Friday night on skates. Latta Park Rink.

FOR RENT we will ship you, charges prepaid, one gallon good whiskey, either corn, rye, brandy, rum or gin. Eagle Distilling Co., South Boston, Va.

TWO FEET of solid comfort in a \$2.50 to \$3.50 "Dunwoth" Shoe sold by Little-Long.

THE NEW green stiff and soft Hat is at Little-Long's for \$2 and \$2.50.

WILL THE LADY who wrote the verses entitled "Were you the Dead," which were published in a recent issue of The Observer, kindly send her name and address to the editor of this paper?

PLANS FOR FERTILIZER TRUST. Representatives of Leading Concerns to Meet in New York to Form Fertilizer Trust. A. Gorman, N. Y. La. Said, Will Be Its First President.

New York, Nov. 19.—Representatives of the leading independent fertilizer companies of this country and abroad will hold a series of meetings during the next few days to perfect plans for the formation of a \$100,000,000 stock company under the New Jersey law. That the proposed corporation will be of an international character is suggested by the fact that Herman Schmittmann, of Germany, is to be its first president. It was stated to-day that the capital stock would be divided equally in preferred and common shares and that no bonds will be issued.

The Tennessee Copper Company and the banking house of Lewisohn Bros. of this city, are understood to be the prime movers in the project.

In Mr. Bryan's Favor. Durham Herald.

It will have to be said, in Mr. Bryan's favor that while he perhaps felt the disappointment keenly he is not carrying a grudge on account of it.

Blanche baked right in those stoves every day last week at our store. Southern Hardware Company.

THE BOOSTERS AT WORK

FINE CLUB MEETING LAST NIGHT

Greater Charlotte Club in Special Session at the Seelye Hotel Proposes to Set Apart Special Days to Secure Recognition for Charlotte as Commercial Metropolis of the Carolinas. Action is Under Way Looking to the Establishment of Freight Bureaus in Connection With the Greater Charlotte Club Office—General Officers to the Club by Several Members.

Unity of spirit, of purpose and of ideas, joined to a lively determination to make the future of the Greater Charlotte Club of unceasing usefulness, vibrated through every member and every moment of the meeting of that organization last night. The assembly opened at the Seelye Hotel where the gathering place and the nearly one hundred men there assembled, listened, applauded and spoke with animation.

Several pleasant surprises had been advertised to bring out the members. Not the least of these was the series of bright, snappy, interesting speeches by different members of the club. All were frequently punctuated by spontaneous bursts of applause.

Special interest and enthusiasm were manifested in the membership campaign, which, under the leadership of the president, has been being vigorously carried out. The temporary slogan of the club which has superseded for the nonce the broader one, "Watch Charlotte Grow," is "Five Hundred Members by December 1st." Then, when all are safely in the fold, there will be that many more to watch the hustling Carolina metropolis expand into her uttermost possibilities.

Two projects of especial importance, besides this of membership, were debated last night. If there can be a debate where all the opinion is on one side of the question. One of these was the matter of a freight bureau, which has been discussed before. It was announced that negotiations looking to this are under way, though no definite statement can be made yet. The other was for a number of Charlotte Days every year, in which Charlotte should be in appearance as she is believed to be in reality, the commercial center of the Carolinas. These days should be marked by a great coming together of the business men of the two States to buy goods.

The Field of the Greater Charlotte Club was the broad subject assigned Mr. E. Randolph Preston, who proceeded to cover it in most engaging style. "Where," he asked, "is the limit to this field? There is none. What branch of endeavor, Mr. President, I ask you, is there in which the Greater Charlotte Club cannot engage, except those of religion and politics?"

A BROAD FIELD. Telling the tale of the Atlanta man who woke up from a protracted delirium and the depressing scenes of the catacombs and exclaimed that the judgment day had come and an Atlanta man, the first to awake, Mr. Preston said he believed that would be the attitude of President Lee, were he to be taken to that place, in such unfortunate plight, in the work of revivifying the city, in entertaining strangers, in facilitating the commercial success of all who have a dollar invested in Charlotte in business, the club has a sphere for unrestricted usefulness.

When Mr. Preston sat down amid applause, Mr. Lee stated that there was no one present to report on the matter of a freight bureau and hence he did not express himself with great definiteness on what is actually being done in this direction. He explained, however, the urgent need for such an institution. "The club," he said, "is to get an expert freight man, one conversant with all the details of freight classifications and rates to have an office in connection with the Greater Charlotte Club. 'Where we consider,' he said, "the enormous tonnage of freight handled by Charlotte every year and the enormous number of pieces of freight, one can readily see that the men engaged in this vast amount of freight must make many errors. To show me a merchant or other business man who knows enough about rates to know when he is improperly charged." "In my experience, I have found that the railroads are willing and ready to settle these cases when they are presented to them properly. But their is a right way and a wrong way to do these things. A freight bureau would simplify the matter immensely. Everybody knows that when a man comes to the town with the view of locating about the first thing he asks is freight rates. If we had this bureau we could immediately refer him to this office."

Mr. Lee spoke in high terms of the work of Secretary Corwith stating that he had known him to work for hours getting up figures for one new prospective resident.

CITY ATTORNEY'S PAPER

ON QUESTION OF ASSESSMENT

Full Text of Paper Prepared by City Attorney John A. McRae on the Question of Allowing Cities to Make Own Tax Assessments Which Was Neither Delivered Nor Read Before Municipal Convention—Was It Has Been Read by Mr. Scott, Mr. McRae Being Absent—Declares That Constitutional Changes Are of Slow Growth and He is Not Committed to This Plan of Allowing Organic Law.

The full text of the paper prepared by City Attorney John A. McRae to be read before the municipal convention is given below. Mr. McRae being out of the city, Mr. G. G. Root has been designated to present the paper, but he has not yet done so. It is not clear from the report of the convention for which it was meant. This is what Mr. McRae says on the subject of "Constitutional Amendment Allowing Municipalities to Make Their Own Tax Assessments."

To the average person the most meritorious taxes are a necessary evil, and the unmeritorious, tantamount to highway robbery. No advocate of high taxes ever won an affectionate hearing in the hearts of the people. But tax collectors like Banquo's ghost, will not down; they levy tribute upon the property of the babe in the cradle, and charge the heir an inheritance for the privilege of receiving the property of his ancestor.

I approach the subject of taxation with fear and trembling, so much so that I have skipped the town and left it to another to read my paper. But it is necessary for me to state more taxes, but to stand for the principle that the city should have the right to care for its affairs, and the county, the same privileges, and the county, and charge the heir an inheritance for the privilege of receiving the property of his ancestor.

Broad-minded citizens, as never before, are coming to realize the benefits derived from taxes judiciously expended. They see that the city, our police department, our sewer department, our health department, our inspection department, our school department, our water department, and that these are necessary to our peace, convenience and welfare.

The constitution of North Carolina, Section 2, in substance provides that all taxes must be by uniform rule. Article 7, Section 3, provides that all taxes levied by any county, city or township shall be uniform and ad valorem upon all property of the same class, except that exempted by the constitution. The Supreme Court construing these two provisions of organic law has held, in Railroad vs. Wilmington, 32 N. C. 73; Goby et al vs. Elizabeth City, 75 N. C. 1; Covington vs. Rockingham, 88 N. C. 154.

That a tax assessment made by town or city authorities, that the city has no right to make its own assessment; but is bound by and must accept the assessment made by the township board of assessors and list makers.

The assessment made by the assessors and list makers is subject to revision by the board of county commissioners. So the effect of the above decision is not only to bind the cities by the assessment made by the township assessors, but binds them by the action of the county commissioners, when the commissioners make changes in the tax list.

To illustrate: The county commissioners appointed the assessors for Charlotte township. The assessors list "A's" property located within the city limits, a twenty-acre tract (\$25,000 dollars); the county commissioners, upon complaint of "A," reduce his assessment to fifteen thousand and (\$15,000) dollars. The town or city authorities are interested, and if they consider it fair market value, but must accept the assessment of the township assessors, as reduced by the board of commissioners, and place "A's" property upon the town or city tax books at \$15,000.

The decisions of our court upon the above subject have been so uniform and positive that it would be almost useless to attempt to get the court to reverse itself and give the towns and cities the right to make their own assessments.

open and maintain streets, upon pain of indictment; to establish and maintain a police department to protect the lives and property of the people; a health department to prevent disease and stay the hand of affliction; a fire department to protect the property of the people from incendiarism and individual carelessness; schools to train and uplift the youth—and while the right of the people should be preserved, yet the hands of towns and cities should be unfettered and free to regulate their own households. Pharaoh commanded the task masters to furnish the Israelites no straw to make brick, but he was liberal enough to give them the opportunity of gathering straw for themselves; while the law practically imposes upon cities and towns the making of the brick for their own protection and progress, it not only makes inadequate provision for the performance of so great a task, but does not even permit them to garner the straw of tribute from their fields of revenue.

If all the property of the State of North Carolina, both rural and urban, should be placed upon the tax books at its fair market value, then out tax rate for all purposes, county, State and city would be reduced to not exceeding one dollar on the hundred dollar's valuation, and nobody would be hurt, and it would be the most mammoth advertisement that could come to our people. Capital would pour in from all sources and peace and plenty would smile upon the land.

AS TO TAX ASSESSORS. The subject assigned was not chosen by the writer. He has never combed his mind for the proposition that it is necessary for the State to go to the trouble of changing her organic law to remedy the above evil. Constitutional changes are of slow growth and short-lived towns and cities would pour in from all sources and peace and plenty would smile upon the land.

MR. BRYAN. He stands for the Best in the Moral and Spiritual Life of the Nation. Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

The admirers of Mr. Bryan have much to console them in his defeat. Although the candidates of all the parties were after him and he had to bear the brunt of the battle, yet he came out of the fight without a stain upon him, a clean, true, sincere, Christian man.

Although he had many controversies and took up challenge after challenge, yet he never lost a battle. He was overmatched in any discussion in which he engaged. Many men felt the blow of his powerful logic or were stung by the paper like thorns of his earnest, unflinching, weak. He is the greatest campaigner of his age and every public man in America knows he would be a mighty antagonist in debate.

While Mr. Bryan has been thrice defeated for the presidency and will likely never occupy that exalted place he is not outranked by any living American. He stands for the best in the moral and spiritual life of the nation. We have no doubt that on many platforms his voice will still be heard honoring those who are true and uttering truths that will inspire and uplift the people.

JACKSON SQUARE COFFEE. "Is Pleasing Millions Daily" Why not you? Quality produces Quality. We guarantee that each can of our Jackson Square has uniform merit. Nov 25 cents at your grocer's. "Ask the man."

RESTORED TO HEALTH by Vinol. "I was run down and weak from indigestion and general debility, also suffered from vertigo. I saw a cod liver preparation called Vinol advertised and decided to give it a trial, and the results were most gratifying. After taking two bottles I regained my strength and am now feeling unusually well." Henry Cunningham, Elder Baptist Church, Kingston, N. C.

Vinol is not a patent medicine—but a preparation composed of the medicinal elements of cod-livers, combined with a tonic iron and wine. Vinol creates a hearty appetite, tones up the organs of digestion and makes rich, red blood. In this natural manner, Vinol creates strength for the run-down, overworked and debilitated, and for delicate children and old people. For chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis Vinol is unexcelled.

The HOG is not a Cleanly Animal. Did you know that nine-tenths of the lard you buy is made from "any old" part of the hog, according to the public admission of the leading lard packer? Why, then, under the sun will people who are otherwise particular about their food continue to eat lard-soaked dishes? No matter how temptingly they are prepared, if they contain lard they are sure to cause future trouble. Cottole is not only purer than lard, being a vegetable product containing no hog fat, but it is more economical, more palatable, more wholesome. If you care for your health you cannot afford to longer take chances with lard. COTTOLENE is Guaranteed. Your grocer is hereby authorized to refund your money in case you are not pleased, after having given Cottole a fair test. Never Sold in Bulk. Cottole is packed in pails with an airtight top to keep it clean, fresh and wholesome, and prevent it from catching dust and absorbing disagreeable odors, such as fish, oil, etc. Cook Book Free. For a 2c stamp, to pay postage, we will mail you our new "PURE FOOD COOK BOOK," edited and compiled by Mrs. Mary J. Lincoln, the famous Food Expert, and containing nearly 300 valuable recipes. Made only by THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago. "Nature's Gift from the Sunny South"

DUTY. Commands you to be prepared for all contingencies. Creep comes like a thief in the night—Gowan's Preparation, external, cures and prevents Croup, Coughs, Colds, Pneumonia, Keen a bottle in the home. Price 50¢. All drug stores. Be prepared to meet emergencies. Buy to-day.

JACKSON SQUARE COFFEE. "Is Pleasing Millions Daily" Why not you? Quality produces Quality. We guarantee that each can of our Jackson Square has uniform merit. Nov 25 cents at your grocer's. "Ask the man." Importers Coffee Co., Ltd. New Orleans, La.

MOST SUCCESSFUL MEN ARE PARTICULAR ABOUT THEIR STATIONARY. THEY SHOULD BE. OUR STEEL EMBOSSED WORK SATISFIES ONE'S PERSONAL TASTE. ATTRACTS THE BEST PATRONAGE. INTERESTS EVEN YOUR COMPETITORS. OBSERVER PRINTING HOUSE. INCORPORATED. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

MORRIS CHAIR COMFORT. The long winter evenings will soon be here. Just think of the amount of comfort to be derived from one of our Morris Chairs at such a small cost! Our stock embraces a large variety of prices and styles in Golden, Weathered and Easy English Oak and Mahogany Morris Chairs with Velour, Corduroy, Imitation Leather, Genuine Spanish and Grain Leather Cushions, Golden Oak Morris Chairs with Velour Cushions as cheap as \$17.50. Genuine Leather Morris Chairs as cheap as \$17.50. Large Leather Chairs and Rockers from \$15.00 to \$29.00.

W. T. McCOY & COMPANY. Fresh Cut Carnations and Roses Every Day. New Imported Bulbs Just in at SCHOLTZ, THE FLORIST. 308 North Tryon St. Phone No. 1443 or 1144.

Flowers Flowers. Every lover of flowers should visit McPhee Bros. of the Dilworth Floral Gardens, store at No. 1 South Tryon street on Saturday, November 17th. 2,000 carnations will be sold at 25c per dozen that day only. Remember the place or. Gardens' phone 900. Phone 208. Night call 231.

Dilworth Floral Gardens. CARRIAGE AND AUTOMOBILE ROBES and Steamer Rugs from \$3.00 up. Harness and accessory goods of every description at low prices. We have a large stock of Surreys, Buggies and Wagons of all kinds and at very reasonable prices and easy terms. A large assortment of Horses and Mules are to be found in our Sales Barns at all times.

J. W. Wadsworth's Sons' Co. Carriage and Harness Repair Work a Specialty. Foster's Ideal Crib The Accident Proof Ideal Crib. Baby can't get out or stick its head through. This is What You Want For the Baby. ACCIDENT PROOF, neat and substantial. We have a complete line. Prices \$5.25, \$6.75, \$8.50, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$12.50. Call in and take a look. Lubin Furniture Co.