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THE STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD KNOW

At least once a year the stockholders of well regulated corporations gather in a meeting, primarily to hear a report of its condition and to become acquainted with the business methods of the organization in which they have invested money. With a working knowledge of the condition of affairs, the stockholders proceed to elect officers whose part it is to conduct the business of the corporation until the next meeting. It is only by knowing how the officers of any organization are conducting business that the stockholders are enlightened to the point of wisely and judiciously selecting the officers. It is a poor business person who never inquires into the efficiency of the business in which he has placed his hard earned cash.

It is no less true in municipal corporations; the stockholders should know. With ever increasing taxes—never diminishing—taxes, even the small 'country village' has become a large corporation whose business should be conducted in a well regulated manner, even as private business. Secrecy breeds suspicion; and especially does secrecy in a matter where several hundred persons are interested, to varying degrees, cast a halo of doubt, suspicion, and sometimes, semi-slander.

We do not believe in fomenting trouble where none is likely to arise; and, it is foreign to our purpose when we suggest that the Town Council of Ahsokie invite the stockholders—the taxpayers—of the town to a fuller knowledge of the financial affairs of their own business. It is now and always has been a popular pastime with some people to "cuss" out the public officials. More often, the officials thus abused are honest men, with honest purposes; but nevertheless, the "cussing process" will not be downed. However, it is also just as true that more frankness and openness in the matter of handling public finances will, in the greater number of cases, smother the knocking process; and will never fail to satisfy and appease the open-minded.

The finances of Ahsokie have grown to that proportion that demands careful business scrutiny. The taxpayers are annually investing money in the municipality; and it is a natural desire, albeit a reasonable one, to want to know how their money is being expended.

Winston-Salem's new hotel, the Robert E. Lee, is one of the most modern commercial houses in the South.

Hertford County lags behind in the co-operative marketing associations. But that is just another example of a role our County seems to have assumed.

Winter had been kind to our county roads during the latter days of 1921; but 1922 is now playing havoc with the idealistic hopes of the wary traveler.

The Ahsokie town council announces its weekly detour bulletin: Pedestrians keep off Church Street, East; automobilists drive with exceeding care in all of the streets of the town.

The financial reports of the county banks will be published next week; and, a comparison with statements of one year ago is expected to reveal a more healthy condition for all of the banks.

"Time business" has been and is a curse to this eastern section of the State. Charge accounts are wholesome so long as too much time is not extended. The trouble with the credit business that is done in our section is the time feature; meaning, so many times, "any old time."

The HERALD reiterates its conviction that Ahsokie needs a community library—an institution where the mind can be fed upon those things that make life. Too many of us are engrossed only in those things which net us a return in dollars and cents; and, the result is, we often neglect the very things that make life richer and better.

The HERALD is not particularly interested in who gets the lease for Uncle Sam's post-office at Ahsokie; but, if allowed to make a suggestion, it would surely be in favor of requiring the next lessee to place the sidewalk around the most public place in town in better condition than has been the sidewalk around its present location.

A measure has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature making violation of the prohibition laws a barrier to holding public office in that Commonwealth. Governor Davis recommended this piece of legislation; and, no doubt by doing so, completely surprised the prohibition leaders, who have consistently lambasted the governor for his wet leanings.

They are complaining now about "them newspaper fellows," because, they say, you can never believe what is written by them. Josephus Daniels says a prominent man recently remarked to him that he had always been taught to hate and to abhor all things Boies Penrose, until Penrose died, when, said this man, every newspaper man in all the country tried to outdo the other in words of praise for the same personage, who alive was the incarnation of every thing bad.

The Atlantic Coast Line R. R. is, at least, amenable to the law although suggestions seem to bear little upon its mind. The town ordinance requiring all of the trains to enter the town limits at a low rate of speed is a good ordinance, and it has, to some extent, eliminated the dangers of street crossings in the town; and it is an excellent ordinance so far as it goes. But, a flagman on duty at the two principal street crossings would be a much better solution. And, speaking of the A. C. L., there yet remains for it the duty it owes the town and community, in relieving the congested conditions passengers are subjected to in boarding and alighting from trains at the local depot.

Tanlac will overcome that run down debilitated condition and make you feel just like your old self again. C. H. Mitchell.—Advertisement.

QUEER CUSTOMS IN NEW HEBRIDES

Strange Rites Over Shark Which Natives Bury Annually in Their "Sing-Sing."

CHIEFS HONORED IN EFFIGY

Make Crude Statue of Clay and Fibre and Hold Festivities Around It —Number of Skirts Indicates Woman's Rank.

Washington, D. C.—"A proposal of the French society of the New Hebrides to sell to Australia their concessions in the islands which form a large X in the South Pacific, north of New Zealand and west of Fiji, recalls the strange rites over the shark, which the native men of Rango Island bury annually in their 'Sing-Sing' or ceremony grounds," says a bulletin of the National Geographic Society from its Washington (D. C.) headquarters.

"The inhabitants of this interesting archipelago, composed of 12 large and 100 smaller islands, believe in witchcraft and all sorts of signs and omens, particularly in the spirits of their departed ancestors and in gods which are thought to be incorporated in certain stones or animals. Every village has its dancing ground. Here the natives meet on moonlight nights and perform wild and fantastic antics to the booming of their deep drums, some of which, six feet or more in height and carved from the trunks of trees, are capable of making terrible noises.

Honor Chiefs in Effigy. "One fantastic rite among them is the memorializing of their chiefs in effigy. A crude statue of clay and fibre, representing the flesh and hair of the chief as he looked in real life, is made, his actual skull being used for the framework of the head, and around this the festivities take place.

"For years the natives of the islands were the prey of the 'Blackbirders,' or labor pirates, because they are generally considered more industrious and sturdier of build than the average kanaka. They are reputed to have cannibalistic tendencies, to be treacherous and of uncertain temper, facts probably due in some measure to the treatment to which they were subjected by these traders. They are of Melanesian stock, below the medium in stature, and accentuate the ugliness in their broad, black faces and receding foreheads by sticking coconut fiber in their hair and adorning their ears and flat noses with rings. They pride themselves upon their weapons—spears, clubs, bows, and poisoned arrows—some of which are beautiful in design and elaborate in pattern.

"The women hold a degraded position among them, the wives of the more important members of the race increasing the number of skirts which they wear at one time as an indication of their rank, the 'poo-bah's' wife wearing as many as 40 of them. The 'better half' of a man is sometimes buried alive with her husband upon his death.

"Quiros, the Portuguese navigator, in 1606, was the first white man to see the rugged outline of the coast of the islands, which rise abruptly out of the deep sea in the hurricane zone of the tropics. Believing he had discovered the great southern continent which was at that time the dream of navigators, Quiros may be compared to Columbus, who thought he had found a route to India when he sighted the palm fringed shores of the West Indies.

"He called his discovery Australia del Espiritu Santo, which has been shortened by traders to Santo and is applied to the largest island of the group.

Isle of Monster Fruits. "Countless streams cut Santo, which is 64 miles long and 32 miles wide, into broad, fertile valleys. From its shores and those of the neighboring islands tons of copra are sent to Sydney, Australia, and shipped from there to soap makers the world over. Coffee, cocoa and vanilla, as well as tropical fruits, grow in abundance. Oranges are said to grow so large that both a man's hands can scarcely span one of them, and the pineapples of the islands sometimes weigh 20 pounds. So rich is the soil and luxuriant the vegetation, that in many places 5,000 sheep can be kept on two thousand acres of land.

"Vila harbor, which is set between mountain peaks and gamed with islands, is the most important commercially among the many commodious and strategic harbors, which the islands afford. The scattered little village, which does under the shelter of its palm trees, has built no pier to encourage its shipping. The cargoes must be loaded by the natives in small boats. Though the progress of conquering nations has left its mark in the Catholic and Presbyterian churches and the large wireless station, the town is essentially native in character with its thatch-roofed houses set amid the colorful hibiscus blossoms, and sometimes fortified with stone walls."

Kills Duck With Revolver. Harrisburg, Pa.—Policeman Romig has qualified as the champion marksman of the Harrisburg force. Romig was detailed to do police duty on Island Park. As he walked around the island he discovered a duck down the Susquehanna river. Romig fired his revolver and got the duck.

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IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS

Flush the Kidneys at once when Back-ache or Bladder bothers—Meat forms uric acid.

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BANKRUPT SALE OF REAL ESTATE & PERSONALTY

In the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of North Carolina

IN THE MATTER OF J. J. PILAND, BANKRUPT

Under the power vested in me as Trustee in Bankruptcy of J. J. Piland and in pursuance of an order made by Marshall C. C. Staton, Referee in the above entitled matter, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Courthouse door in the Town of Winton, N. C., on Monday, the 23rd of January, 1922, at 12 o'clock, A. M. the following described real estate—free from liens—and the personality on hand:

- (1) That tract of land in the town of Winton, N. C., known as the J. J. Piland Home Place on King Street and containing eight acres, more or less.
- (2) That certain tract of land in the Town of Winton bounded by the land of E. L. Banks, C. D. Nickens and being the same lot of land conveyed to J. J. Piland by deed from J. H. Jenkins and known as the Jenkins lots.
- (3) That certain lot of land in the Town of Winton adjoining the lands of Mrs. W. R. Daniel and others and lying on King Street, and being the same lot of land conveyed to J. J. Piland by deed from C. W. Jones and known as the Taylor lot.
- (4) That certain lot of land in the town of Winton adjoining the lands of W. H. Lassiter and Mrs. Rosa Brown and others and known as the Matthews lot of land, containing five acres, more or less.
- (5) That tract of land in the Town of Winton adjoining the lands of Turner Anderson, the old Sarah Eliza Weaver Home Lot, J. B. Catus heirs and others, and containing nine acres, more or less.
- (6) That certain lot of land in the Town of Winton adjoining the lands of Geo. Keen's heirs, J. H. Lee and others, and known as the Martha Keen lot.
- (7) That certain lot of land in the Town of Winton on Main Street, known as the Vinson Store Lot adjoining Merchants and Farmers Bank and others.
- (8) That certain tract of land in Maney's Neck Township, of Hertford County, N. C., known as the Myrick tract, adjoining the lands of Sallie Warren Camp Mfg. Co., and others, containing 400 acres, more or less.

Belonging to the bankrupt estate of J. J. Piland. Terms of sale on each tract to be announced at sale and the deposit required. Sale subject to confirmation of Referee.

This 27th day of December, 1921.

W. D. BOONE, Trustee.



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