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### A DEAD TOWN.

HOW TO WAKE IT UP AND MAKE IT THRIVE.

Some Wise Suggestions From a Western Man: Wake up, Dead Town, and Become a Blessing to Your People and Section.

Two weeks ago Mr. T. C. Tipton, of London, Tenn., asked the Manufacturers' Record "how to wake a dead town." Mr. Tipton told of the many natural advantages of London, but pointed out how, from lack of energy and enterprise and because of the work of the never-dying croakers, these advantages were not utilized, and how, because of this, the town, like hundreds of others, was to all intents and purposes, dead. The Manufacturers' Record published his letter, and asked for suggestions as to how to quicken into life these dead towns that are a curse to themselves and to the country. Without life, they furnish no employment, no opportunities for the young, who must either grow up in idleness or seek some raw field in which to find a chance to work and live.

Wake up, dead towns, and become a blessing to your people and your section!

From an Indiana subscriber to the Manufacturers' Record it got the following letter, which we commend to our readers, for it tells what enterprise can do in waking dead towns to life and creating employment for their people:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Aug. 30.  
Ed. Manufacturers' Record:  
In your issue of August 23rd, Mr. T. C. Tipton, of London, Tenn., asks how to wake a dead town. I want to say that I never learned of a town that did "wake up" until every inhabitant took a financial interest in some manner, usually by joining some factory, enterprise, or thorough advertising, not for a week, but for years in selected advertising mediums. A good medium costs money, but we get what we pay for every time. I believe the Manufacturers' Record has been, and is to-day, doing more for the advancement of Southern interests than all other papers and magazines combined. I take it and read it, and my neighbors, come and borrow it, and when they read it one would think it had been used for ten years.

As a result of the Manufacturers' Record being in my home, I took an interest in a large orchard at Marshallville, Ga., called Red Clay Orchard Co. Mine is only one case, for my copy of the Manufacturers' Record has been present at causing Northern capital to go south to the amount of \$25,000. I am an Indiana man, and so are all my neighbors. Now, there are thousands of dollars of Northern capital lying in the banks and safety vaults not only in Indianapolis, but in all larger cities, only waiting a favorable opportunity for investment. But those towns wanting financial aid must first show their own confidence by leading off. Let the outside capital will follow. Let me tell you readers that in Indiana in seven years' time these were raised from \$20,000,000, employing upward of 2,000 hands, a weekly pay roll of \$400,000 and an annual output of products exceeding the amount of capital stock. I know a small town of 1,500 souls which wanted a factory and wanted it badly. A meeting of business men was called fifteen were present, out of fifteen a self-constituted committee was appointed on ways and means to get up a subscription in two weeks, raising 200 acres of land offered to donate forty acres valued at \$10,000. His offer was accepted, the land was platted, and within three days every person able to buy a lot (except an occasional croaker, whom we have with us as well as the flea and serpent in every town) bought of those 100 lots and raised \$10,000 in easy payments. Two years ago that town did not circulate \$1,000 a month, including every store to-day they pay out in wages over \$3,000 per week for help alone, and another big plant is building, while new stores and dwellings are going up every hand. Moreover, every man, woman and child feels the beneficial effects of the distribution of money, and no one wanting work is idle. I can say you can't do the same thing, and can't get the factory if you would? You can't do anything unless you try. While on your south last month I noticed many idle "hands" lounging around stores and holding a post down—big men playing marbles, others playing chess, shooting craps—men who looked to me as if they had brains for better business, and should be earning something for themselves and their families. Some say they have no means. Then let a few that have means join hands and start the ball rolling; get your advertisement started by announcing it with a word that your town is there, and let every soul that enjoys the town's privileges be instructed to talk out in meetings, in the country, in other cities, everywhere, that your town is awake, and that it is the place to live in and invest money in, and that the people are entering and full of push. Sometimes it pays to engage an experienced promoter, but make sure of your man: he can only aid in securing your industrial enterprise. While on my early this year I had the pleasure of meeting several distinguished gentlemen who are doing wonders. Manufacturers' Record is accomplishing and advocating, viz. inducing settlers and capitalists to come South. It looks like the capitalists and settlers are coming. It will be good will. Gov. W. J. North is doing good work, so also is Hon. J. L. Hand, of Pelham, Ga. I believe Senator Hand will succeed in securing the location of a large sanitarium and hotel for his town, Pelham. Judge Joseph Tillman, of Quitman, Ga., also opened of the right stripe to aid the upbuilding

ing of the South. E. M. Rumph, of Marshallville, Ga., is doing great good in setting up his section. But these men are to be admired for their stick-to-itiveness, which has brought the success that has already crowned their earlier efforts. Let not friend Tipton, of London, Tenn., or others in other dead towns despair. You lead off and make an effort and try what you can do as we never know without trying. I will tell a story here about an Arkansas town. The people wanted a factory badly, and concluded that a "saw mill and snicker-rod plant" would be the ideal for their quiet place to shake up the dust and pick up the idle and give the idler work, that he might have money to pay his grocery bill. The chairman of the meeting was directed to write to an Indianapolis firm for the cost of a complete "mill." The letter was answered, and in a few days a reply came from the chairman that \$800 was the money the town could raise, and if they had the \$1,500 demanded for such a "mill," what in "hades" would they want of a sawmill? I felt sorry for the town, for there were a few enterprising spirits there, and I trust that that kind of luck will not deter others for trying, for where there is a will there is a way. Now get to work and find it.

G. W. Cross.

### TRADE CONDITIONS.

The trade reviews of Dun and Bradstreet continue to be characterized by many favorable features. While, of course, there are some unsatisfactory conditions, taken as a whole trade and finances are in a remarkably healthy state. Bradstreet last week laid special emphasis on the pronounced improvement in the South and Southwest. Trade, he says, is opening up more freely at the South than was anticipated. Regarding Birmingham, the report says: "The improvement in iron has caused an advance at Birmingham and throughout the tributary region, an evidence of which is found in the temporary inability of Birmingham wholesalers to meet the demand for hardware and groceries."

The largest output of pig iron ever known, 194,929 tons for last week, is reported, which is supported by a reduction of 64,000 tons in stocks. There is a great pressure for delivery of structural products and plates. Prices of iron and steel are still advancing, and there is no indication of weakness or over-production yet in either market.

The general increase in bank clearings during the past few weeks, brings the aggregate nearly to the billion dollar mark, being \$985,000,000 last week, an increase of 18 per cent over this time last year.

As to crops reports are rather indefinite, but not discouraging. A monster corn crop is a certainty and the wheat crop is thought to be larger than the Government reports indicate. As the result the price of both these products has been weak. A disposition to discredit the Government report on the cotton crop's condition has been followed by a slight settling back in the price. Cotton prices generally, however, are holding up well with no indication of a drop.

There is yet an indication of a slight reaction in prices as the result of the rapid advance which characterized the market a few weeks ago. On the whole the situation gives evidence of settling to a substantial basis with steady and continued improvement.

The ruin that was to be wrought by the Wilson tariff is not very apparent in the iron industry. And Senator Sherman pretends to believe that the country wants to go back to McKinleyism. Not much. The only danger to the iron industry now, as often before, is in the manufacturers crowding on the prices too fast. They have all the protection they need, but no tariff can protect them from themselves.

It is dangerous to talk in your sleep in Arizona. A man in that territory while asleep, told of a murder which he said he had committed. In reality he had not killed any one, but he narrowly escaped lynching, all the same.

SINCE 1880 New Orleans has increased its property assessment from \$91,000,000 to \$140,000,000; its per capita wealth from \$407 to \$544; its manufacturing industries from a valuation of \$8,565,000 to \$43,000,000. The person who says the South is languishing should cut these figures out and paste them in his hat.

### GOLDSBORO'S ADVANTAGE.

Some Features of Location that Make Our City a Superior Market for Shipping Products.

It has long been conceded by even the most casual observer and always been the experience of all who have had occasion to do any considerable shipping business in Goldsboro that this city is possessed of superior advantages for the shipper over any other town in the State. Our railroad facilities, besides putting us in touch with all the great centres of commerce of this country and the leading ports, whence the patless highway to the markets of all the countries of the world is approached, are briskly competitive in their catering for freight patronage. And herein lies the peculiarly superior advantage of which we speak that Goldsboro enjoys.

The Argus in all its ten years' history in Goldsboro has at all times recognized this great characteristic so calculated to make and maintain Goldsboro a manufacturing and commercial centre of the first magnitude. Day after day as the weeks and months and years came and went this paper grew not faint at heart for weary of hope, for we know that the widening march of progress that has characterized the South for the past decade must of necessity eventually encompass our fair city and we would not then be slow to "fall in."

That time has arrived. The sagacious business men of our community, of city and country alike, are awake to the opportunities of the hour and the possibilities of the time. Our railroad advantages are going to serve us to good purpose now in attracting to our Tobacco Warehouse sales competitive buyers from all the tobacco manufacturing centres of the country, because they know that here they can secure better freight rates over the several competing railroads centering here than anywhere else, and for this reason they can afford to pay on this market better prices for leaf tobacco than they would be justified in bidding elsewhere. And this is why the tobacco growers throughout all the surrounding territory for miles of Goldsboro should bring their "leaf" to this market.

Let everyone interested put his shoulder to the wheel: Let us all get together in the interest of Goldsboro's Tobacco and Cotton market and we can easily beat the State, and maintain our supremacy always.

A Tariff Campaign.

The speeches of Sherman, McKinley, Foraker and other Republican leaders who held forth on the opening day of the Ohio campaign, indicate that they intend to make the tariff the leading issue. The Democrats of Ohio and the whole country hope that they will persist in this intention. If they could choose the fighting ground for their opponents they would undoubtedly select the tariff.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, a staunch Republican organ, predicts that if the campaign in Ohio is made mainly on the tariff issue the Democrats will carry the State.

The New York Herald in a leading editorial entitled "Let the Tariff Alone," says:

"The keynote of the Ohio Republican rally on Tuesday at which Senator Sherman, Governor McKinley and ex-Governor Foraker were the chief speakers was that 'protection must be restored.'"

If the Republicans make that their campaign cry next year they ought to be and probably will be beaten by as great a majority as they were in '92. The country has had enough of tariff agitation, and the people don't want it revived by either party. Now that the agitation has ceased and the consequent business depression has disappeared it would be reckless and ruinous to revive it.

Industry is reviving, business improving, wages advancing, and better times are coming. For heaven sake let the tariff alone. Give the country a rest.

"Don't foment an agitation that can only have mischievous consequences. Business men, manufacturers and wage workers must all cry out against any further tariff tinkering."

But the Ohio Republicans are joined to their idol and we hope they will be let alone. They have already put forward McKinley as a Presidential candidate, and if that means anything it means that they will assist on a readjustment of the tariff just as soon as they have the power.

The country wants the tariff let alone and any party which proposes next year to change it will be overwhelmingly defeated.

### WATERSON'S WORDS.

The Star-Tongued Orator Welcomes the Grand Army in a Brilliant Speech: Let the Past Bury Its Dead.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 11.—Grand Army veterans and their friends to the number of 1,000 attended the grand camp-fire at Music Hall to-night. Like all other buildings in Louisville, the hall was elaborately decorated and every one was just bubbling over with patriotism and enthusiasm. An elaborate programme had been prepared and it was carried out to the delight and entertainment of all present. The camp-fire opened with "Marching Through Georgia," played by a military band. The Hon. Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, then made the welcome address in behalf of the citizens' committee. He spoke in park as follows:

"Comrades, for under the star flowered flag of the Union all who truly love it are comrades, in the name of the city and the State I bid you the heartiest welcome. I have been in every State and Territory of the Union and I can truly say that I never came away from any one of them where I had not found something to make me proud of my country. All that I do contend for is that you will find here more kinds of good things and more of them than you will find anywhere else on the face of the globe.

Let the dead past bury all its dead. You at least have no reason to complain. You go away with as many of us as we got away with you. The brave men who have gone to heaven have long ago settled the act before that court where all is made right. God reigns and the government at Washington lives. That should satisfy us all. If there is any more fighting to be done, let us go and lick England and take Canada; let us go and lick Spain and take Cuba; let us go and lick creation and make the unspeakable Turk vote the American ticket. We can do it. Shoulder to shoulder, with the world before us and old glory above, who shall stop us.

"No surrender."  
"No pretender."  
"Pitted together in many a fray."  
"Lions and not sheep."  
"And linked in their might,"  
"The North and South will carry the day."

"All that is wanted in this great land of ours is for the people—the plain people, as Lincoln called them—to realize from Maine to Texas, from Oregon to Florida, that there is nothing whatever to divide them. They are the same.

The monstrosity of slavery out of the way, the foolishness of secession out of the way, and the nation having actually had its new birth of freedom. What but ignorance and prejudice to hinder the stalwart Americans in Minnesota from taking the hand of stalwart Americans in Georgia and calling him 'brother'? Both came from a common origin, in good old Anglo Saxon and Scotch-Irish stock, and are wedded together by common interest and a common destiny, bone of one bone, flesh of one flesh, in national aspiration and fellowship. God made this continent for us and consecrated it to freedom. The transfiguration of nature not less clearly indicate the will of God. Who dares dispute His awful work?

But pardon me. I did not mean to be serious. This is an occasion for rejoicing, for merry-making, not for reflection. If anybody, thinks he's thinking, wake him—he's only dreaming. If anybody thinks he's not welcome, tie him. If there's a dog that falls to wag his tail for joy, shoot him. We are glad to see you. We are glad you came. Now that you have found the way, come again and come often. The latch string will always hang outside the door and the only pass-word shall be 'I am an American citizen.'

Salisbury Truth: The multitude of the caterpillar on our beautiful trees is something marvelous to behold. They are building and infesting every tree and plant, their nest are even seen on the copal which is something unheard of before. The appearance of the caterpillar indicates sickness.

Charlotte Observer: Considerable interest is felt in the Colored Industrial School and Orphan's Home, which Dr. Manly is to establish here. He has located the school in Greenville, in the Northern part of the city, and will begin work to-morrow. The boys are to be taught different trades—painting, carpentry, shoe making, etc. For the present the school will be conducted in the Methodist church in Greenville. Dr. Manly hopes to begin building soon.

### "THE FOURTH ESTATE."

For THE ARGUS.] OUR TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.

The power of the press has become so widespread and prevailing that it has been termed "The Fourth Estate." How important it is, then, for the progress and permanent welfare of the people that the power of the press be rightly directed and fearlessly maintained.

Whether for good or bad; whether for promulgation of correct principles of political economy or the warping of public opinion into narrow lines and making it subservient to the selfish ends of designing politicians or the personal advancement of sordid greed for wealth, the influence of the modern press can hardly be overestimated.

The daily and weekly newspaper now reaches almost every home in the land, and all read it. Then there are the monthly magazines, now issued so wonderfully cheap that they are being read more and more.

A man's reading cannot fail in its influence upon him. His views are colored, whether he realizes it or not, by his newspaper, his magazine, the books that he reads. Especially when these impressions are made day after day. We breathe and are molded by the intellectual, the moral atmosphere in which we move. The position, then, of the press is one of great power and of corresponding responsibility.

The political color of a newspaper is a thing of vast importance. In a country like ours, where the final appeal is to the ballot, and where the vote of each and every citizen counts exactly alike, the power of the press in a political campaign is looked upon, and properly, as paramount. How, then, ought those in control of these forces to see to it that they are used for the good of the country, not merely to advance the ambitious scheme of this or that man, or corporation or class.

THE ARGUS holds these convictions, and endeavors to pursue its course with dignity becoming to the highest code of the profession, and with due consideration and respect for the adverse views of others.

But what we want to say here and now is, that THE ARGUS is deeply interested in promoting the industrial development of Eastern North Carolina, and in furthering the commercial interests of Goldsboro, and therefore we desire to place THE ARGUS in every home throughout all the contiguous counties, and to this end we call upon and expect every sagacious business man in Goldsboro, as a business matter, in which he is just as much interested as we are, to lend us a helping hand, by word, and subscription and advertisement, to accomplish this desire, for the common benefit of all concerned.

The opening of the Tobacco Warehouse to-morrow, as we have said, marks the beginning of a new era in Goldsboro's commercial history and in the industrial development of this section and in the improvement, consequent thereupon, of the condition of the farmers, who are the bulwark of the country's progress. It will mark, also, the doing away of sectional feeling between country and town, and a general recognition of mutual interest and friendly dependence, one upon the other and in proportion as THE ARGUS is recognized and fostered, the better will it be enabled to cement the compact and promote the best interests of the whole people.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 14.—A private letter which came on the steamer Australia from an officer of the cruiser Olympia, which is now lying at Honolulu, states that the cholera epidemic is on the increase, and that it is difficult to tell where it will stop. The Olympia is bound for China and Japan, but it is probable that she will have to remain at Honolulu for some time, owing to the fact that it may be deemed unsafe to take coal there.

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