

PUBLIC SPIRIT.

We believe that the future of Louisiana in a business sense, is bright. So far this fall, trade has been better here, than for several years past, and the people seem to be much better satisfied with the workings and dealings of the merchants. We hear less grumbling of "too little for cotton, and too much for goods" than formerly, and we are among that class that believe that times are getting better in almost every way. A large proportion of the people seem to be trying to pay what they owe, and are putting forth efforts to live more economically than they have been living. Now and then, aascal can be found, who (when he can get around it) will cheat his fellow man knowingly and willfully, but there are signs of improvement in this particular. As a general thing these cheats are soon found out and they are at once passed around, and we believe the time will come when such will be unable to abide anywhere in a respectable community. We started out to preface the following article taken from the News and Farm of Koppersville, but we have branched off from our subject considerably. However, what we have written will not detract from the article. Read it:

In calling to mind the towns in North Carolina that have grown and prospered, one almost involuntarily associates with their growth the names of certain public spirited men through whose agency property has to a great extent, been made possible. And it is equally true that some towns that have been railroad centres and advantageously located for commerce and manufacturing, have been considered "dead towns" because a few men, owning property and possessing the means to make them flourish, have chosen to kill them by their utter lack of enterprise and public spirit. It takes more than railroads, factories and new stores to make a town. It takes live, active, pushing, energetic, public spirited men, who have the interest of their town and State at heart and are not mere scare-crows, looking like men, but yet serving to drive off all investment of capital, and preventing as far as in them lies any individual of town progress.

Let us contrast the town possessed of public spirited citizens, who unite on what is for the best interests of the place, and the town where the citizens are never united on any matter for the general advancement of the town and whose narrow, selfish views seem to lead them to the conclusion that the more people that move in, the less chance they will have to succeed.

In the former place we see lots offered free to any one who will come and build a residence, mill or factory, and if any capital is needed it is easily obtained. Streets are paved and shaded and the general health of the town is made of prime importance. If street lamps, electric lights, water-works or sewerage are needed, the town is not allowed to remain long without them. Churches are built here and the pastors are paid for their work. School buildings are erected and then encouraged and sustained by the citizens. You find here banks, building and loan associations, fire companies, public halls, reading-rooms, newspapers and a general air of business prosperity. The people are united and if they are not able to have all these things at once, they obtain them by degrees—you can't down a progressive town with a couple of bars.

Pull back the shroud and let us gaze for a little while on the features of a dead town. You will recognize them at once as we point them out. Instead of lots being offered free to those who will build factories, etc., they are either held at enormous figures or else not for sale at all. The general appearance of the town is that of desolation and decay, and the use of painting is resorted to as an evil thing. Front parlors are not kept up, because the stock law makes it unnecessary and nothing must be done that is not absolutely essential to comfort. Taxes are generally low in a dead town, it doesn't take much money to clean the hot-pans once

year and let their unhealthy odor fill the air the balance of the time. If a proposition is made to light up the streets some old chronic grumbler (they always thrive better in grave-yards) puts out the lights before they are lit by advising every "feller" to "git a lantern." No public spirit here—no unity of efforts and purposes—envy for those who succeed and a kick for the unfortunates—every man for himself—every tub on its own bottom—suspicious of newcomers and indifferent to all departures—a dead town is a most deplorable object. Every business is considered an individual affair and if it can succeed independent of local support, all well enough. They want schools but want the patronage to come from abroad and an advantage to them, not to sustain and support the schools themselves. They want preachers but like those best who preach less frequently, want the least pay and take up the fewest collections. They want the cheapest grade of religion that is in the market. No banks, building associations, public hall or library—oh no! They would be of advantage to somebody else and their creed does not recognize the right to go beyond self. There is nothing devious than a town without public spirit and town pride, and without them any town, no matter what its possibilities are, will sooner or later succumb to the inevitable.

The district court at Raleigh, decided that what is known as the "Drummers tax" is unconstitutional, and the State took an appeal to the U. S. Supreme court. So the Drummers are yet in suspense.

Our good friend and Bro. Chas. Daniels, who has been editing both the Kinston Free Press and Wilson Advance has sold his interest in the Free Press to W. S. Herbert. Bro. Daniels will now spend his entire energies on the Advance.

The election of Sadi Carnot to the French Presidency was a great surprise all around. He was a dark horse and won the race. He was born in 1837 at Limoges. He was graduated with the highest honors at the Ecole Polytechnique in 1857. He is a distinguished civil engineer and political economist.—Ex.

The Congress of the United States assembled last Monday. Mr. Carlisle of Kentucky, was re-elected for Speaker of the House by the Democratic caucus, by acclamation. It was a deserved and high compliment. The News-Observer says:

It indicated the full purpose of the democratic representatives of the people to agree as far as possible for the reduction of taxation so previously bearing upon all classes, but the small one "protected" by the republican tariff in enormous gains at general expense. It augurs well for democratic unity in the important work before Congress, and so, for a reduction and revision of the tariff, only to be hoped for at the hands of the democratic party. The country is heartily to be congratulated on the action.

STATE SOVEREIGNTY. The Supreme Court of the United States has almost unanimously given utterance to the true constitutional doctrine that the States are sovereign and cannot be sued without their consent, and even if they should give their consent to be sued in either Federal courts or in their own courts, they may in the exercise of their sovereign will withdraw their consent at any time.

This decision is the more important because it is the nearly unanimous voice of the court, while the directness of the opinion leaves no room for misconception. Judge Bond, who has been pressing the other view of the matter to extreme limits, will hereafter, we hope, understand that it will amount to judicial subordination to fly in the face of such a plain decision. The underlying principle of the American system of government is "the pluralism of States." The many are of the same nature as the one—the one of the same nature as the many. All are sovereign and the Union sovereign in its powers, the States sovereign in their powers. Sovereigns may not be sued without their consent. This reassertion of the rights of the States by the Supreme Court should put an end to all attempts to do indirectly what the Federal Court has no power to do directly.—News-Observer.

Energy Essential to Progress.

"If a farmer would thrive he must drive. If a business succeeds, it must be vigorously pushed. Stand still never do anything notable. Talk well is good, but do, stir, push, drive and better. No city flourishes where there are no workers. Great undertakings come from energetic and expensive minds. Great results follow intense activity and combined energies." The New Orleans Picayune teaches a lesson thus:

"Natural advantages do not make a great city. The little old city of Portland, Me. has the finest harbor in the world, so roomy and accessible that the biggest ships from the sea, without a pilot, can sail up to the wharves without pilots or tugs, and with water so deep that the Great Eastern tied up there years ago; yet Portland will remain of no more commercial importance than many inland villages. A great city is made by the blow and bustle, and energy, and get-up-and-go of the people who are willing to work."

LOCAL.

FRANKLINTON ITEMS. By Our Regular Correspondent.

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Our entire community will all be busy Tuesday morning by the announcement of the sudden death of Dr. H. W. Williams, one of the most highly respected citizens of southern Franklin, Meigs and Franklin counties, Monday, Nov. 10th. He most probably died of some disease of the heart.

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From present indications the Leaning Tower of Franklinton will have a good house here on next Tuesday night. We extend to them a cordial invitation to come in.

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X-MAS GREETING!

A Gold Watch Absolutely Free. Commenting upon the fact that we will give to the first 1000 customers who purchase goods from us, in amount of \$1.00 each, a ticket which will entitle the holder to a chance at a Gold Watch, to be delivered, Monday of Christmas. Now is your chance to secure a gold watch free for we will certainly sell you goods as cheap as you can get them anywhere and some things—Shoes, for instance—much cheaper. Don't fail to examine our X-mas stock of goods, it is complete in every particular.

Order of Publication.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant in the above captioned action can not after due diligence be found in this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Franklin Times, a newspaper published in the town of Franklinton, for six weeks once in each week successively, commencing on the 1st day of November before the first Monday in March next, in answer to the complaint in said action for recovery of damages, as follows: Witness my hand and seal this 30th Nov. 1887.

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Respectfully, KING JONES & CO.

Twenty Thousand Dollars, a Follows.

The following North Carolinians have been named in North Carolina by the Inter-State Life Association: viz: P. C. Merritt, Wadesboro, \$2,000; died March 24th, approved and paid April 21st. John Woodhouse, Concord, \$3,000; died April 12th, paid April 19th. C. C. Broadway, Monroe, \$1,000; died June 6th, paid June 28th. H. P. Phelps, White-J, \$1,000; died April 21st, approved June 28th, paid July 6th. Henry Baker, Laurinburg, \$1,000; died August 7th, paid August 22d. J. A. Sh. ne, Mt. Olive, \$2,000; died October 23d, paid November 15th. Outside of these amounts the Association has nearly \$10,000 invested in North Carolina, through its Board of Trustees, making a total of nearly \$20,000, already set free in the State by this young, strong, rapidly growing and highly popular Southern Institution. Its affairs are conducted by gentlemen of known integrity, ability, industry, and success. Its name, among which appear the names of Dr. Eugene Brinson, Rev. C. W. Baker, Dr. James M. W. Lister, Dr. H. B. Stamps, Lawyer E. T. Gray, Cashier L. D. Hearn and General Asst. George C. Jordan. The association is reported by its management to be firmly established with nearly 2500 policy holders. Nearly \$5,000,000 at risk, an increasing income now over \$75,000 a year, a surplus of \$30,000, an active, efficient and increasing corps of agents, and it remains to date is claimed unqualified. There is enterprise, there is progress in the South, as much so as elsewhere.

AT COST WANTED. Having decided to go out of the clothing and hat business, for the next 30 days I will offer a nice line of

MENS BOYS AND YOUTH'S CLOTHING AND OVERCOATS. I would desire you to examine my stock before buying elsewhere. Very truly yours, M. K. PLEASANTS.

November 1'87. All accounts on the books of F. N. Egerton are due, and a prompt settlement of the same will be very much appreciated. Please do not put off settlement until we have to send to you, but come at once to us and meet your obligations. We have a complete stock of goods, and are selling them cheap and would be glad to do business with you. Truly, F. N. EGERTON.

REMOVED. I have removed my Harness Shop and am now occupying the the house vacated, lately, by King Jones & Co, where I am prepared to do all kinds of repairing. We also have a first-class stock of Whips, Lashes, ready-made Harness, Bridles, Collars and Saddlery for sale cheap for cash. In connection with the above named business, we have added a stock of Groceries, Canned Goods and Caadies which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest. Respectfully, R. H. YOUNG & BRO.

5,000 Bales Cotton, for which we propose to pay the HIGHEST CASH PRICES. WANTED. We have manufactured for our own exclusive sale which is branded "Barrow Best" and guaranteed to be the best stock ever offered for the money. Our stock of shoes is complete and selected with the greatest care as this line is one of our specialties.

MILLINERY. This department is complete, and we guarantee satisfaction in style, price and quality. We are Headquarters for Dress Goods, Trimmings, etc. Our stock of Millinery, Dress Goods, Trimmings, etc., and in fact everything pertaining to ladies' wardrobe, has been carefully selected in the North and purchased by Mrs. Barrow, who will personally attend to the fitting, and give all the aid necessary as to style, trimming, etc.

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