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STATE BOARD SHOULD ACT

That the dump of raw sewerage into Tar river at Louisburg is a menace to the health of Rocky Mount, Tarboro and Greenville there is little doubt. That Rocky Mount should be required to dump her sewerage somewhere else except in the river, shows that there is discrimination. Greenville compelled Rocky Mount to cease dumping sewerage into the river because it menaced the health of Greenville, but so far as is known, nothing has been done to compel Louisburg to do the same.

This is a matter that the State Board of Health should take in hand and see that is remedied. It is perfectly right that these towns be required to place their sewerage deposits in some place other than the river where the towns below them get water and if Rocky Mount has been forced to do it, why is it that Louisburg can not be forced to do the same?

Why is it that the State Board of Health has failed to take action when this matter has been agitated for a year or more? What is the purpose of the State Board of Health if it is not to safe guard the health of the people of the State both in towns and as individuals? Why does the State Board of Health not realize that the sewerage from Louisburg is just as detrimental to the health of Greenville Tarboro, and Rocky Mount as the sewerage of Rocky Mount was to Tarboro and Greenville?

Seldom does a week pass that we do not get long articles from the State Board of Health urging people to spit in specially prepared spitting places, breath through the nose and swat the fly, but we haven't got anything from it relative to the dump of raw sewerage from Louisburg into our drinking water. Maybe the State Board of Health thinks that is healthy for us, but we happen to have enough snuffing of medicine and physiology to know that water from a sewerage dump is not fit to be taken into the

body even if it is distilled and perforated with all the known chemicals guaranteed to make water pure.

It is to be hoped that the State Board of Health will soon take action in this matter and that Louisburg will not be allowed to continue to menace the health of the towns of this section of the State through the dumping of her sewerage into Tar River.—Greenville Reflector.

Every man admires a fighter whether he is fighting for what is right or not, just so he is sincere in his work. Therefore we admire the Greenville Reflector in its article. But we can't help but feel he has an exaggerated idea of his knowledge of medicine or is not fully familiar with the existing conditions.

To do what he is asking, the State Board of Health has got to set at naught all the teachings of the natural or scientific side of the question involved and completely overturn all the present filtration systems.

From the teaching of our ancestral lay mind we learn that water will cleanse itself of impurities every seven miles run. From all the teaching of scientific research, it is found that combining distance of run with sedimentation, oxidation, agitation and evaporation cleanses water and fits it for use for drinking purposes. The majority of filtration plants, use the above system for cleansing water, only substituting chemicals for distance. In the matter of the Louisburg case providence has smiled upon us in its giving all of these agencies from natural sources. From Louisburg to Rocky Mount by way of the stream of Tar river is practically one hundred miles. Within this distance there are two mill dams and one natural fall, which provide the distance and the agitation. Then the stream is provided with mill ponds and all kinds of bends and curves that increase sedimentation, and is sufficiently exposed to the sunshine and the breeze to produce evaporation and oxidation. If these causes are not sufficient to purify water within a distance of practically one hundred miles, we must necessarily seek some other system than what all towns are now using to filter water for drinking.

Then too it is naturally supposed that each town using water from the

river supplements all these natural sources with a mechanical and chemical system to cleanse the water.

We cannot see how the Board of Health can force Louisburg to perform an act so contrary to all teachings of the past and maintain its consistency.

Mr. Kitchen appears to be doing his own thinking. The trouble with too many of the American people today is the fact that they allow some one else to do their thinking for them.—Creedmore News.

To some extent our esteemed contemporary may be right, but if he takes the position that it is a representative duty to do what he thinks is right without regard to the wishes of the people he represents then he is wrong. A man is not elected to office, in either party, to do what he wants to, but to labor for the wishes of his people.

We understand Rocky Mount is complaining of Louisburg dumping its sewerage in the river on account of their having to use so many chemicals to purify their water. It will be interesting to see a comparison of the amount of chemicals from both Louisburg and Rocky Mount that is required to purify a gallon of water.

The United States Supreme Court has just handed down a decision to the effect that the purchaser of an interchangeable mileage book can purchase a ticket with same for other persons besides himself.

We can't understand why chemically treated sewerage is any more palatable than raw sewerage. Notwithstanding Rocky Mount and Greenville are wanting it treated.

Box Party

There will be a box party at Royal school Wednesday night November 24. All are cordially invited to come. The girls are especially urged to bring boxes, and the boys a pocket full of money.

A. ROWE, Prin.

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