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EDITORIAL COMMENT

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OLD FAVORITES.

The Blind Boy.
Oh, say, what is that thing called light,
Which I must be or enjoy?
What are the blessings of the sight?
Oh, tell your poor blind boy!

You talk of wondrous things you see;
You say the sun shines bright.
I feel him warm, but how can he,
Or make it day or night?

My day or night myself I make
When'er I sleep or play.
And could I ever keep awake,
With me 'twere always day.

With heavy sigh I often hear
You mourn my hapless woe,
But sure with patience I can bear
A loss I ne'er can know.

Then let not what I cannot have
My cheer of mind destroy;
Whilst thus I sing I am a king,
Although a poor blind boy.

—Colley Cibber.

WELL DONE.

In another column is published the report of the citizens' committee. This committee was appointed by the most representative citizens of this city, in mass meeting assembled, to solve the great mystery which has recently surrounded this community.

The committee has done its full duty and has proven faithful to every trust imposed, and the impartial people of this city will accord the deserved plaudits of well done. In the report is stated that there was a lack of harmony on the part of the chief of police and the mayor. This was regretted, and now that the storm has blown over the TAR HEEL hopes that all parties will be reconciled.

COM. VARNER'S REPORT.

Hon. H. B. Varner, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, in his annual report gives some interesting figures as to the newspapers published in North Carolina.

The report shows that there are 315 newspapers of all kinds published in the State, and that the total circulation per issue is 605,785. It further shows that the average circulation of the country weeklies in the State ten years ago was 600, whereas the report now will show the average circulation this year to be 1,365.

He skims the improvement in every way made by the country weekly publishers is fully equal to that in the average circulation. The advance in editorial, local and general news service as well as in the mechanical department being very great.

A communication to the Charlotte Observer from Gastonia, N. C., has this to say:

"Several merchants here are arranging to go out of business—some selling out; some packing up to move and others trying to find a purchaser."

This is bad news from a town which everyone thought was prospering. The TAR HEEL would advise those merchants who are moving away to come to Elizabeth City, where they will find the best town and the most hospitable people in North Carolina.

The above is a forceable reminder of the prosperity of the merchants of this city. In other towns they cry hard times and a lack of trade. Such is never heard in this city. Our merchants are too busy to make such a hue and cry. They discount their bills and sell for less than the merchants of the neighboring towns, and thus the trade of this city is rapidly increasing.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE SHOULD BE CHANGED.

The custom house and port of entry for the Albemarle district of North Carolina should be moved from Edenton to Eliz. City. This city is entitled to it, and its citizens have a right to demand the change, the reasons for this being many.

More than three fourths of the business done in the office comes from Elizabeth City. The records of the office will show that of more than one hundred and fifty steam and sail crafts entered, only thirty three hail from Edenton. Many foreign vessels come to Elizabeth City and comparatively none go to "the town on the bay." Elizabeth City is a town of more than eight thousand people and padded statements give Edenton less than four thousand. This city is the commercial center of the Albemarle section of North Carolina, and certainly the customs house should be in the metropolis of the district. Congress has appropriated \$100,000 for a building to be used by the Federal Government, the site has been purchased, and work on the building is to be commenced in the spring. In this building is the place for the office in question.

It is expected that Mr. Small will take immediate action in this matter. His constituency, save only that small portion residing in Edenton, demand this of him. It might be embarrassing to Mr. Small to have a representative from another district to introduce a bill concerning matters in his own district.

See to it Mr. Small, that a bill passes Congress, making this change and you will have won the approval of a large majority of your constituents.

LET'S PULL TOGETHER.

Now for a new railroad for Elizabeth City. It begins to look as if such is not only possible, but highly probable, if the citizens of this city will take an active interest in the matter.

Hon. T. G. Skinner, of Hertford, was in the city this week and gave information to the effect that the Suffolk and Carolina Railroad would be extended to this city with a standard gauge track if the people of this city would give the road a right-of-way and a water front.

This is the most feasible plan yet advanced for a new road. The Suffolk and Carolina road is within eighteen miles of Elizabeth City and a right-of-way for eight miles of that distance has already been donated, and certainly it should not be difficult to acquire a right-of-way for the remaining ten miles. As for the water front, the people of this city should come together as a unit, and donate a suitable site.

The Suffolk and Carolina road is being extended to Edenton and is within a few miles of that town. Now that it is at Edenton it must come to Elizabeth City, if this city would continue to hold the fish trade of the lower sounds. Thousands of boxes of fish are shipped from this city each year, and the quantity is such that the Northern markets are glutted. We can't ship anywhere except to the markets since we have no western connection—a road to Suffolk would give us connections with both the West and South, by four large railroads—

this city could be made the shipping point instead of Norfolk, Baltimore and other points. A thousand and one reasons could be produced to show the absolute necessity of such a connection as is proposed. This city in order to continue its growth and prosperity must have a Western and Southern outlet. Lets pull together and get the road.

WORK THAT PAYS.

The Best Way to Advertise a Town is to Beautify It.
It costs little more to make a city pleasing to the eye than to make it ugly, and a beautiful city attracts residents of a desirable sort and is a standing advertisement. It is not mere sentiment that is leading the railway to begin the beautifying of their stations and grounds; it pays. It is not for sentiment that railway and steamship lines advertise the natural beauties of their routes; beauty represents cash to them.
Clean streets, tasteful buildings, charming prospects, are valuable assets for a city. To keep still to the utilitarian side, cleanliness makes for health. The sanitary value of the American cleaning of Cuba is only an extreme instance of what is true everywhere. Cleanliness begets cleanliness, and the people in a clean, well ordered city are more likely to live clean, well ordered lives.
In many other ways such a general striving for betterment is profitable. It stirs civic pride. It makes better citizens. The more people possess to be proud of in their home city, the more they are willing to do for it. Moreover, there is a strong moral uplift in good surroundings. An inspiring environment, whether of nature or of art, reacts irresistibly upon the individual.
And beyond all this is the fact that beautiful surroundings beautify and enrich life. None of us would wish to be condemned to the dull monotony of a sand bank in place of the splendid panorama of hills that greet this city or to the ignoble squalor of a row of 1,000 cheerless factory tenements, all precisely alike and grim with the smoke of factory chimneys. Our natures crave something better, and the more beautiful and varied the surroundings the richer and pleasanter is life.

JUSTICE FOR THE EDITOR.
A Man Who Is Not Afraid Tells a Few Truths.
"No man in the community does more for the public and receives less for it than the country editor," said Senator H. Clay Heather of Palmyra Marion county, in the Missouri state senate when the bill reducing the price of publishing the Australian bill of was under consideration. "If all the space he employs in booming the town, in helping individuals, in making states men—sometimes out of pretty raw material—were paid for even at half the legal rate, he would be the richest man in the county."
"Few country editors are rich, but they are of more service to the communities where they live than the wealthiest man. They are in the forefront of every movement for progress. They do the work and leave the emoluments to others. A good, clean, honest newspaper—and most country newspapers are good and clean and honest—helps on every worthy cause and deserves every encouragement. It fights the party battles, holds up the hands of the reformer and makes the scoundrel afraid. I am opposed to this bill. No paper in my county would print the ballot at the pitiful price named. They are not paupers. But for the annual of splendid public service they render they ought to be millionaires."—State Tribune, Jefferson City, Mo.

A Word For Signs.
To an advertiser advertising should be a means of indicating to all the people, at all times, in all places, in every locality, the presence of his goods. Every unit of advertising matter should act as a seller. At every store where his goods are sold he should install a salesman of his own choosing, confined to the sale of his goods exclusively. What better than the store front sign? Something pleasing to the eye, intelligible to the thinking, an eye opener to the unthinking! What can fill all these requirements of the advertiser and the buyer of his goods as an individual, sign placed inside of a store where the eye readily turns to it or on the outside where it reminds you to step in as you pass? With individual sign advertising he becomes an advertiser of individuality of his own.—Profitable Advertising

A Healthy Jersey Town.
Hackensack is one of the most enterprising of the Jersey towns. It has now nearly 12,000 inhabitants, with well managed water service, gas and electric light systems and its own health board, and so successful has been its work that the town is now the healthiest in the state. The cost of its local government, by reason of its peculiar charter, brings the tax rate lower than any section of the Greater New York. The town is governed by a commission, the members of which serve without pay.

A Gentle Hint.
Western Kansas editors have a unique way of prodding up delinquent subscribers, as this will indicate: "If you have frequent headaches, dizziness, fainting spells accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sign that you are not well, but are liable to die any minute. Pay your subscription a year in advance and thus make yourself sold for a good obituary notice."—Kansas City Journal.

Would Always Advertise.
Lou J. Beauchamp, the noted temperance lecturer and writer, who is also in the photographing business, is signing an advertising contract with the Hamilton (O.) Democrat. writes as follows: "I find that photographers rarely advertise, but I'm too old a newspaper man to believe in it for everything I'd advertise if I was running a cemetery—quiet rooms, clean beds and plenty of free heat."

Horses For Sale.

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Old papers for sale at this office cheap.

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When you have incompetent workmen to do your work.

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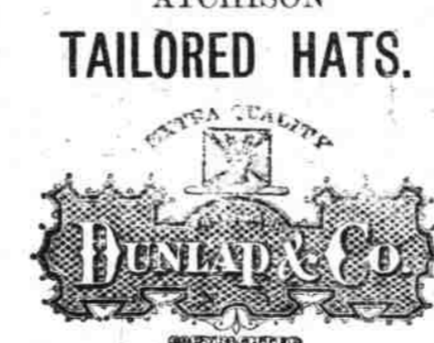
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WANTED—Active and reliable man who will work. Money making contract to right parties. Write. P. O. BOX 996, Eliz. City, N. C.
Note: Zoeller's big cut for Thanksgiving day.

THAT suit will look like new after I have cleaned and pressed it—Cleaning and pressing of all kinds on short notice. I send for them. Box 1, RISO, Arlington Hotel, Phone 28.

WANTED—To Buy 50 ft. Piles of standing timber to make 20 ft. piles, must be accessible to water for tug boat. Write C. D. BUNDAY, Elizabeth City, N. C.

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Office in Flora's New Bldg., Cor. Main and Water Streets.
Office hours: 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Wanted! To sell 50 acres of land on Pooltown road 3 miles from town. \$500. will buy it, or will exchange for town property. Address P. O. Box 228, Eliz. City, N. C. - 1t.

For Sale! 5 feather beds in excellent condition—apply at this office.

For rent! A large two-story house on Main street—three acres of land attached—apply to N. A. Joxna.—2t

Notice!
The public will hereby take notice that the grounds of the Park Fair will be closed during the winter months. This is done because of damage done by driving on the track in freezing weather.

For Sale!
Four reversible brass box lumber trucks, 26in gauge 24in, steel axel, used very little, cheap.
C. W. HOLLOWELL.

Weisel's New and Progressive Store.

It is Astonishing what a difference a Pair of Trousers makes to an old suit. There's Economy and satisfaction in Piecing out the season. We have some trousers, just what you want, something that will go well with any coat and vest, some pairs only cost you half a dollar to own. There are other grades for more money.

46 pairs boy's knee pants 15c each, or 2 pairs 25c. Sizes 4 to 14 years.	DOLL BABIES From 10 cts. to 25 cts. TOOL CHESTS From 25 cts to 98 cts.	HANDKERCHIEFS. Beauties for 5c, 10c, 12 1-2c etc. Neck-wear for 25c artistic designs.
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We have studied your needs—anticipated your wants—and ask you to reap the benefit of our efforts—New Goods are being unpacked daily for your inspection.

EMBROIDERIES!! New Styles, 5c, 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, etc. Children's Jackets For girls, at 75c, \$1.00, 1.25.	BLANKETS. 50 cts, 85 cts, \$1.00, etc. TRUNKS FOR \$1.25, 1.50, 2.00, etc.	SILVER WARE! A few pieces left, worth \$2.50, to close at \$1.00 each. Fruit, cake, and nut dishes.
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LADIES' and CHILDREN'S JACKETS.

We have a nice line of Ladies' Jackets for 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, etc. Children's Jackets, 75c, \$1.00, 1.25, etc. About half price.

Boy's Knee Suits for 75c, \$1.00, etc.

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