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withheld under the caption of "A Town Where all do as They Please delivers himself of an article on Lumberton, which is a rare ed mixture of commendation and complaint. Since he speaks so kindly of our people we take it that the tenor of his article which does violence to truth in the im pression it makes as to existing conditions, was an unintentional reflection on our town or we should characterize it more harshly. The burden of his complaint is that here the use of a telephone "is one thing you can't borrow from you friends:" "the people do not think they need any rules and regulations:" "bicycles are allowed to run on the sidewalks some as on the public roads; 'the town 'run(s) scavenger carts during the day time;" "there seems to be no restrictions on horse racing in the town:" saw a young man going to church "so drunk that he could not have told his name;" "saw a drunken negro driving up main street like he was on fire;" "if a lady pased that bicycle shop she would have to leave the side walk boys" congregated there; "the boys played baseball on any sreet:" "I did not see any policeman while I was there;" and was told "that the town had no use for a policeman." Just as in tons gold so in the above may be found an atom of truth. But as about a kernel of truth is often woven the distorting fabric of the vilest slanders, so the above facts are taken as truth and a condition of lawlessness, which does not exists, is argued therefrom. It does cost money to use phones in Lumberton. The proprietors installed the system for its revenue and not for the benefit of the traveling public. The people do think they need ules and regulations and have compiled and enacted as comprehensive a code of laws as their ingenuity could devise, and these are enforced as judiciously as elsewhere. In these is included an ordinance against fast drving as well as against riding bicycles on the sidewalks. There has never been a case of horse racing on the street, and the violators of the bicycle ordinance usually young children and these our people people give the right of way when they meet for the soberness of its people, and it is not wonderful that a drunken boy and negro should have attracted attention as such spectacles on our street are uncommon. The fact that the boy though drunk was gravitating of impulse and of habit due to fight. It will come. training, and one so bent could scarcely be ignorant of his name. The comparison in regard to the negro "driving like he was on fire;" is too meaningless to deserve comment. The statement made in regard to ladies hving to leave out the State, and if he the side walk on account of negroes congregated there, more opponent as he will make

right of the whites and respect them, and the town has always been free from race antagonisms. Were they otherwise than respecet-With this issue The Robesonian ful, especially to our women, changes from a four page to an eight they would be speedily swept out. page paper The purpose of this To make the impression that the change is to give our readers more people of Lumberton permit our reading matter and at the same time women to suffer such indignities enable us to handle more advertising on its public street is an igno-It is our purpose to continue this size rant or malicious slander, which until further culargement is necessary, they unreservedly repudiate. but the larger paper costs you the same | Lumberton, too, has a policeman, price We propose, and that too who will take pleasure in maknig without saving much about it, to con- the acquaintance of the writer of tinue to give our readers the biggest the aricle referred to when he next paper (modesty forbids us to say the honors this town with a visit, best) for the money ever published in His services are usually only called the county, and when we fail to do into requisition by outsiders who this well. The Robesonian will be happen here and who fail to conduct themselves with due propriety A writer, who doesn't sign his name which by the way has been customs and religion it is the and have absented themselves from peer of any in the state. Wheth the primaries and the polls er ignorarantly or purposely the article referred to creates an impression wholly at variance with the facts concerning exisitng conditions. There is enough attractive and interesting about our town to claim the attention and admiration of most of those who chance to visit it. These things for the purpose of obtaining or inmight have furnished sufficient fluencing votes, and shall, at the food for comment, but perhaps the writer was bilious or dyspeptic and saw things through the green gauze, which such disorders weave before his vision, minimizing the good and magnifying the evil. ing the campaign for campaign If such be the case we commend to his use some of the patent medicines so widely advertised for the relief of such organic inactivities. to get around the crowd of negro It might be wise for the new board about to be inducted into office to employ the services of this discreet counselor to recodify its laws, enact others and shape its policies as they are evidently according to his way of thinking of rocks may be found a grain of drifting in blissful ignorance of their duties in all matters pertaining to the administration of our muncipal affairs. However, that is their matter and if they decline on the ground that they can manage our affair without the assistance of outside interference and suggestion, and intimate that they are already surfeited with such their action will receive the approval of our people.

leads us to believe is a misrep resentation, certainly generally

speaking. In the first place the

negroes of our town recongize the

The aldermen of Durham, now that Durham is a dry town, are making a fight for real prohibition some reports going around that in earnest. At a meeting held the say that Mr. Patterson will not first of May they refused to grant receive the support of Robeson license to parties wishing to sell county in the coming congresssweet cider. Lumberton, with its ional convention. The report, we almost twenty years of experience think, is without foundation, and in trying to enforce prohibition we believe we voice the sentiment R. G. Rozier, L. ... laws, can sympathize with them in of the people when we say that the their efforts. Before actual pro- county has no disposition whatever hibition can be accomplished the to recede from the time-honor d periods of blind tigerism cider custom of returning congressional traps, beerine and tonic dispensa. representatives for a second term. ries, alcoholic drugs and bitters them. Lumberton is remarkable joints, must do disgust the people that public sentiment will repudite died in a house said to have cost Moral estiment alone can eradicate the curse, and this cannot be expected to boom up in its full Evening' Post, strength on the enactment of a this to fit the case of Mr. Whitney, to furnish a regular supply of woo

A corresponder Observer puts for of Capt. J. H. V Lieutenant Govern Weddington is well kno enter the lists, will make than thirty years of observation cient officer if elected.

headed conservative paper devoted to the development of its community and exercises an influence commensu rate with its high aims. It is a model for county papers to

Led by curiowity to make some remearch recently into the past history of the town we were appalled at the dearth of accessible information. Matters of interest have been preserved in no permanent records and all knowledge of them is irretrievably lost. It was our purpose in the brief sketch on the first page to compile as accurately as possible a record of the town as it is at present trusting that it may be or interest, if not of value to such as may at some future day care to lock back

Under the laws every citizens has or are officiously meddlesome a voice in the election of every candi-The little children are the only date for every office in the gift of the ones who are known to play ball people. Under the plan of organizaon the streets and they use the tion every citizen has a right to a less traveled ones. No one would voice in the selection of every candiclaim that Lumberton or its in- date for every office. Every citizens PRESERVATION of the TEETH stitution are perfect. Its people then who holds fire does so with are human, its institutions are of the endorsement of a majority of the human origin and subject to the qualified voters, and if such is not imperfections of all things so true it is solely because voters have derived. But in laws, manners, proved recreant to their citizenship

> "Be it resolved by the county convention of the Democratic party of Richland, That from and after the adoption of this resolution citizen of this county, who offers himself as a candite for any office, shall be required to pledge himself not to give or spend money, or use intoxicating liquor conclusion of each campaign and before the primary election, render to the chairman of the Democratic party of this county, under oath, an itemized statement of all moneys spent or provided by him dur-

The above resolution unanimously adopted by the Democratic convention of Richland county, South Carolina, not only should be adopted by every convention, but recites the very provisions which should be come incorporated in the laws governing, e ections. The people are tired of the corrupting influence of money in elections and demand in the future that they shall be conducted with cleaner and less objectionable methods.

We are informed that Hon. G. B. Patterson has secured the number of shad which will be used for the purpose of stocking Lumher river. Several attempts have before been made to accomplish this, but without appreciable results. We hope this time it will be more successful.

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Mr. William 'C. Whitney ! lied reputed to be worth \$25,000,000the right to respectable recogni- \$3,000,000. Now the story is that tion of only any so engaged. he did not leave enough to pay all his debts. There is an old admonition, call no man fortuna's until he is dead. The Louisville parai hrasing Town of Lumberton will receive bid churchward even shows the effect law. Be patient, eep up thde says, call no man rich until his for the Electric Light and Pumping death.-Charlotte Observer.

> We are indebted to Rev. J. A. Charlotte Campbell, principal, for an invitname ation to attend the sixteenth annual commencement of Buie's for Creek Academy and Business tain College, at Buie's Creek, Harnett county, N. C., to be held on Sunday Thursday and Friday, May 15th, 19th and 20th, Among the contestants for reciter's medal re Misses Loula Baker and Addie per, of this county.

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