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The Fayetteville Observer is correct in its position that one of the prerequisites for a town that would build high its hopes of growth and prosperity is good government. Such in brief is the view of our contemporary as we understand it. Nothing could be more true. The best people naturally pitch their tents, not in badly governed, but well governed towns. Corruption or crooked and lax enforcement of law is presumed to be an index of a depraved populace. When the people are loyal to the law and despise venality in their town government the administration of its affairs will be in the hands of good men and conducted in a clean and decorous way. Social veneering and proud looks and ways neither hide nor compensate. The character of the city officials reveal the character of the electors. The abounding of vice reflects upon the executive arm of the government and upon the town. Good men do not carry their wives and children to and invest their capital in such places. The best advertisement of a town is a clean government as shown in the rigid enforcement of law and that freedom from vice which a proper punishment of offenders always brings.

The hearts of the numerous friends of Ex-Senator Thomas McBryde go out to him in sympathy while his heart bleeds in sorrow at the loss of his wife. It is a gloomy thought that pre-occupies the mind of one of his age just now bereft of a devoted and helpful wife that the path of the future down to the end must lead in a solitude that is deep and painful. We sincerely sorrow with our friend. It is of the death of a truly noble woman we write. She made her home christian. The community had a continual uplift at her hands. No wonder a great crowd attended the obsequies. Not only those who lived in reach of her benefactions mourn a great loss, but the hundreds who have often enjoyed the hospitalities of her attractive home now recall her ministries as hostess and are saddened by the news, her face shall be seen on earth no more.

The safety, progress and prosperity of banks and other business plants depend for one thing upon the moral character of the management. We give a proper place to sagacity and industry, but moral character is no less an essential. There is an optimistic view we are pleased to entertain while the air is full of reports of the wrecks of business plants of large wealth by wrong doing. The cause of the failure and ruin of too many is traced to be sure for our comfort to immoral conduct. This is sad and is a sturdy appeal to legislatures for more restrictive laws. Yet as a fact a large majority of our business ventures are manned and conducted with unimpeachable honesty. Very few of the sum total fail either on account of dishonest dealings or incompetent management. It is very easy to conclude after our superficial way of thinking that when column after column in our papers is filled with the story or the collapse of a dozen corporations by reason of the disreputable transactions of the men in charge of their affairs that excessive and ruinous dishonesty abounds. It may as well be said that while more legislation is called for to head off the dishonest men who happen now and then to be advanced to the control of large business concerns yet no laws can be enacted that will prevent dishonest business managers from wrecking the plants in their hands. It is pleasing therefore to us to think that the large part of the whole number are conducted by honest methods.

There are 412 churches and 184 ministers in the Synod of North Carolina. This is the largest Synod of the Southern Assembly since one, the Synod of Virginia, which embraces the three States, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia.

It is by far the largest Synod confined to one State. Every church is entitled to one delegate and every minister is a member. The enrollment at no meeting of the body has ever reached 200. If the weather is favorable the meeting to be held next week in the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs will probably be the largest in the history of the venerable court. Fayetteville Presbytery, which is usually nominally represented by elders may be expected to send delegates from at least two-thirds of its 87 churches. Every church, however small, we have heard from expects to have representation. This means, we may conclude, about 40 more members for this Synod over the average Synod of the past. The meeting is to be held in the heart of the Presbyterian population of the county that has in it more Presbyterian churches than any other save one in the State and it is meet therefore that it should be a great one. The meeting will be called to order next Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m. and the opening sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier.

The saying is now often repeated that the meeting out to the negroes the same sort and equal education by the whites that they give to themselves will not solve the race question, but only intensify the intricate problem. There is force in it. It is logical in a way. One thing is demonstrated afresh by the reasoning. There is only one way to avert a final, furious and fearful clash under the existing regime and that is the evangelization of the negro. If a modicum of the efforts were in progress to develop his heart that abound to develop his head there would be less reason to fear the consequences. Few whites there be that have an adequate excuse for their neglect of giving this ignorant race needed religious instruction. They neither teach them in person nor give of their means adequately to support others who are ready to do it in their behalf. The safer thing for the white christian patriot to do is to halt in the work of training the mind of the negro out of proportion to the training of his head. These words are written in love to the negro as well as to the white race.

Stranger Clubbed to Death.

A special to The Charlotte Observer of Friday says: J. C. Beard, a white man, was found dead this morning near Salisbury. His face was crushed and mashed into a pulp, supposedly with a club found near him. His pockets were turned out and robbery was evidently the motive of his slayer. His letter seems to show that he was from Pittsburg and was once council of the Junior Order in that city. The man was found lying on his face which was so badly stained that recognition of him is impossible. A message was sent to his supposed home, but no answer has been received. Officers Cauble and Pool arrested J. E. Waddell, a white man about 40 years of age, and placed him in jail. He is charged with the murder of J. C. Beard. Waddell has been seen frequently within the last week, riding in a buggy with Beard and was noticed with him last night. He was taken before Justice Miller for a preliminary hearing and called for counsel. Messrs. Klutz & Klutz appeared and held a consultation, but did not take the case. Waddell was too drunk to take care of himself.

Among those who attended the burial of Mrs. T. S. Grayard, at Iona Sunday morning were, Messrs. J. T. Biggs, D. Welt Biggs, C. B. Townsend, Lloyd C. Townsend, W. H. Humphrey, and J. H. Wishart, who acted as pall-bearers, and Mrs. Sue McLeod, R. J. B. Bridgers, Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, Messrs. W. J. Prevatt, R. D. Caldwell, J. M. Stephens, A. O. Osborne, Needham Thompson. The services were conducted by Rev. A. E. Baker, assisted by Rev. W. T. Walker, of Rowland.

State Opened Wide Her Arms.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 19.—Seven cities in North Carolina were visited by President Roosevelt today.

Leaving Raleigh early in the afternoon, the president made short stops at Durham, Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, Salisbury and Charlotte.

The special train reached Charlotte a few minutes after 7 o'clock and will be run on a slow schedule during the night to Rosewell, Ga., the old home of the president's mother.

At Durham, where the President arrived at 2 o'clock, he addressed the townspeople and students of Trinity College. On the President's train was William E. Lambeth, a graduate of this college and a post graduate of both Yale and Harvard, whose notable address on Southern problems at the Harvard commencement last June was so conspicuously marked by President Roosevelt on that occasion.

Prof John Spencer Bassett of Trinity College also traveled through the state with the President.

President Roosevelt, in his speech to the students and alumni of Trinity today, read with significant emphasis the clause from the Trinity College constitution which pledges the institution "to educate a sincere spirit of tolerance" and "freedom from partisan and sectional strife."

Senator Simmons was standing on the platform with the President.

Mr Roosevelt said that the colleges of the South were typical of the colleges of America, and added:

"I know of no other college which has so nobly set forth as the object of its being the principles to which every college should be devoted in which at every portion of this union it may be placed. You stand for all those things for which the scholar must stand if he is to render real and lasting service to the state. You stand for academic freedom, for the right of private judgment, for the duty more incumbent upon the scholar than upon any other man, to tell the truth as he sees it, to claim for himself and to give to others the largest liberty in seeking after the truth. There must be no coercion of opinion of collegiate training is to bring forth full fruits. Young men of this college, you men throughout the South who have had collegiate training, you men throughout the union who have had collegiate training, bear a peculiar burden of responsibility."

The train stopped only fifteen minutes at Durham, and the President reached Greensboro at 4 o'clock, where Federal Judges James E. Boyd joined the President.

Mr. Roosevelt addressed a crowd of 10,000 people at Greensboro from the rear platform of his car.

To W. O. W. Camps.

Sovereigns: You are cordially invited to meet with us on the evening of November 24th, 1905, at 7:30, in a fraternal and social meeting.

Alph. H. McLeod, C. C., D. W. Biggs, Clerk, Cypress Camp, 125, W. O. W.

Croatan Normal School.

The Fall Term of the Croatan Normal School, opened Monday, October 23rd, 1905. Prof. D. F. Lowrie was unanimously elected principal by the Board of Trustees. Hoping good attendance and good success,

Trustees.

Ashpole News Letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Boardman, spent Wednesday night in town. Mrs. Hall was on her way to her home in West Virginia and the Dr. went up as far as Sanford, N. C., with her, returning by here next night.

Mr. Parker, Rowland's popular young photographer, spent part of the week here doing some work.

Messrs. Floyd Bros. & Mitchell received a car load of fine mules for their opening sales last Thursday. Their stable is not quite complete, but the mules are on the market just the same.

The fall trade of our town is by far the largest ever known and still continues in spite of the drop in cotton.

We are sorry to learn of the extreme illness of the little son of Dr. A. G. Flycj, of Fair Bluff, formerly of this place.

Miss Betsy Jane Bjrd, one of two elderly sisters living together near here died Wednesday after several weeks of extreme sickness, leaving a large family connection besides the sister left lonely.

People are suffering worse for water than we have ever known. Wells are dry, which were never known to be so before. We who have artesian wells have much for which to be thankful.

Mrs. J. M. Ashley and children and Miss Chat Ashley, of Boardman, are spending a few days with numerous relatives and friends, who are delighted to see them again.

Mr. A. L. Jones and Dr. F. H. Pitman attended the fair at Raleigh, also Miss Maude Mitchell and other young people whose names we failed to learn.

Dr. McPhaul went to Wilmington Wednesday to see Mrs. Knight Leggett and Mrs. W. C. Brown whom, we are glad to report, doing finely and we hope can soon leave the hospital, as is also Mr. K. M. Barnes.

Mrs. J. B. Jackson is leaving for Wilmington for a course of treatment by Dr. Galloway, eye and ear specialist. We hope she may entirely recover her hearing.

Pastor and members of the Baptist church are preparing for Association, which meets next week at Saddle Tree Church. No doubt Mr. Jackson will carry up a fine report of things in general and there will also be delegates to the Woman's Missionary and Sunbeam societies.

Work is being begun on the three brick stores to join J. D. McLean & Co. We understand there are already negotiations for renting them going on. Dr. Brown will use his own for the Ashpole Drug Co.

"Maloney's Wedding."

The original Irish comedians, Murphy and Mack, head the list of a large company of singing and dancing boys and girls that appear at the Opera House this Monday night.

Murphy and Mack will be remembered for their commendable impersonation of the two funny Irishmen in McSorley's Twine that caused such a stir in the comedy field some seasons ago. Since that time they have been continually before the public as leading stars in several large comedy productions. Manager Foreman secured their services for his big musical comedy, "Maloney's Wedding" and has surrounded them with a cast of unusual merit. The dancing girl, Maud Sutton, commonly known as the pocket edition on account of her petite size, makes a trio of stars hard to match.

STATE NEWS

The first solid carload of pumps manufactured in the State border was shipped from Hickory last week by the Latta & Martin Pump Co. to the city of New Orleans.

The system of delivery and taking on mails by trains in rapid motion has brought out many devices for catching and throwing mail bags. One of the latest and most useful improvements for catching mail bags, is the invention of Hazelius S. Bostian, of China Grove, the United States Patent office having granted a patent to him last week for his mail bag catcher, which is very simple in construction, but effective in operation.

A deliberately planned and successful jail delivery took place at Asheville, between 8 and 9 o'clock Sunday night week, when eleven prisoners five white and six colored, cut their way through the steel cages, sawed loose an outer iron bar across the ventilator, and swinging clear of the window climbed down the brick wall of the jail building, and escaped. Among the prisoners who escaped was John Pate, of Madison, charged with murder. The escape was discovered Monday morning. Most of the prisoners are still at large.

Thursday night of last week a maiden lady who lived on a farm in Greene county, was criminally assaulted. Chas. Rooney, colored, was arrested and identified by the victim. The officers started with him to jail at Snow Hill, but a mob took the negro away and that was the last of him. His body has not been found, but it is certain he was killed, and it is believed his body was sunk in a pool of water.

Joseph N. Daniels, the 11-year-old son of J. N. Daniels, of Southport, N. C., died suddenly in the office of Dr. W. C. Galloway, an oculist, in Wilmington, Friday afternoon while efforts were being made to remove a sand burr from his throat. The child's throat was being sprayed with cocaine, and this is supposed to have caused his death. While in the operating chair he suddenly gave a twitch and died almost instantly.

A Scotch Immigration Society.

Fayetteville, N. C., Oct. 14.—The undersigned, after several conferences with a number of leading citizens of this Cape Fear section, and at the request of such citizens, gives notice that there will be a meeting held at the fair grounds in Fayetteville, on the 26th of October, 1905, for the purpose of organizing a Scotch Immigration Society. The purpose of the Society will be to induce Scotch immigrants to come to the Cape Fear section, and, to do this, it is proposed to send an agent direct to Scotland and lay before the people there the advantages of this section of the United States. It being a well known fact that this section of the State has been settled largely from the highlands of Scotland. We are of the opinion that sufficient Scotch immigrants can be induced to locate here to not only furnish the required labor needed in our fields and elsewhere, but also become valuable citizens and aid in building up the waste places of the whole community.

Any one interested in this movement in Cumberland, Robeson, Scotland, Richmond, Moore, Harnett, Bladen, or any county in North Carolina, will please correspond with the undersigned, or if possible, attend the meeting.

Owing to the demoralized and unreliable condition and scarcity of labor at this time, we believe that the whole public will be interested in this movement.

JOHN G. SHAW.

Miss Lula Humphrey and Mr. John Singletary spent Sunday at the latter's home in Back Swamp township.

ROWLAND DEPARTMENT.

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High School: Ethel L. Buchan, teacher. Donald Bracy, Hilton Bracy, Allie Johnson, Dora McCormick, Burton Graham, Nellie Robertson, Nannie May Walker, Tildon Walker.

Mr Stephen McIntyre, of Lumberton, was in Rowland Saturday on professional business.

Mr. J. D. Fergusson, of Red Springs, visited in town a few days last week.

Mr. W. B. McLaughlin, of Purvis was in Rowland Friday.

Mr. H. A. Townsend, of Raynham, was in town Friday afternoon.

Messrs. H. K. McCormick and A. D. McKenzie attended the Horse Show at Norfolk last week.

Mr. John Norton spent Thursday in Ashpole.

Mr Wm. Stubbs, of Purvis, was in town Thursday.

Judge Baker, of Jacksonville, Fla., spent last Wednesday with the family of Dr. D. Sinclair, returning the same day, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Harriet Baker.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. R. S. Dixon at this writing.

Among those from town that attended the State Fair were Mrs. A. B. Hedgpeth, Miss Hallie Lytch, Miss Lula Hedgpeth, Messrs. O. P. Chitty and P. A. McCormick, besides several from the country.

If cotton continues to go up the farmers will soon be wearing that 10 cent smile again.

Russia's Past and Future.

The announcement is made that the czar has authorized the admission of Jews to the Russian universities. To one unfamiliar with the conditions of that down trodden class of Russians this announcement seems peculiar—scarcely to be understood by people used to free American institutions. It seems almost past belief that in this era of educational progress in the United States there should be any country civilized enough to have universities where an imperial command was necessary in order to permit a large class of the citizens to secure the advantages of those institutions of learning.

The fact though that the czar has seen fit at this late day to open the doors of Russia's universities to this large and important class of her people shows that light is dawning over Russia as over the Dark Continent. It is an indication of better times to come for the heretofore oppressed Hebrews of Russia; that the government has at last recognized the fact that in making good citizens education is a better instrument than enforced ignorance and oppression.

The recent up-rising in Russia and the result of the Japanese war are likely to mark the turning point in the political and social conditions of that country. These events have opened the eyes of the Russians to the feeling of the balance of the world toward them. They begin to feel the lack of sympathy and regard of other people. They begin to understand in what light they are held, and their defeat by the Japanese shows them that they are not strong enough to stand aloof from and defy the balance of the world. A man cannot live in a community and defy all the usages and customs of that community, and the same law applies to nations. Russia must sink back into barbarism or take her place in the onward march of nations, though it be far back in the rear ranks. She must make an effort toward advancement. This takes in regard to the Jews is one of her first steps. She has begun the march which alone can save her civilization—Wilmington Messenger.