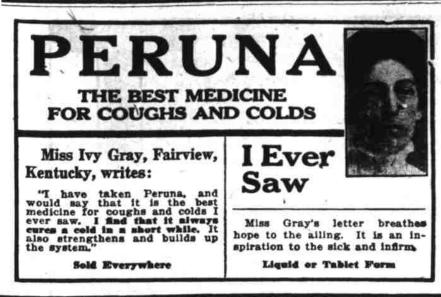
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WHY NOT THE MUTUAL SUPT. PUBLIC WELFARE BUILDING COMPANY?

Mr. J. W. Ward Explains How Election Was Conducted and States His Position.

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just sold the three dwellings under To the Editor of The Robesonian: During my public life I have seldom asked for space to answer those

who saw fit to criticize my official conduct. My attention has been call-"Rev. John Doe, the new pastor of ed, however, to an article appearing in the last issue of The Robesonian, and also in certain other papers throughout the State, which is so available.' grossly unfair and so manifestly mis-

Note, gentlemen, these two items leading that I feel it my duty to make a public statement, setting forth the facts. I do not know who wrote Places me/in a better position to look the article. It appears to have been if any one of your citizens had to do

than ever before. So you see instead to the press, by Mr. J. N. Buie of

watch us, before we get through with pression that a grievous wrong was them it will be a plenty and then committed by me in voting twice in

At any time I can be of any ser- of public welfare of Robeson county. vice to you about your tobacco do Every member of both the heard of not fail to call on me. Send me word education and board of county comand drop me a few lines and I will, n ssioners, as well us two or three be there. Am glad to report we other gentlemen who were prosent, made a fine sale today and prices must know that the charge is unfine on all good and colory, good and true. Immediately preceding cur

ripe tobacco. Don't forget to let your meeting I approached Mr. Lucius tobacco get ripe before trying to cure McRae, chairman of the board of eduit, the trade wants ripe tobacco and cation, and requested that he serve all the color you can get. Do that as chairman of the joint meeting of at the Big Banner on the best mar-ket in the State. A see me with your next load so, but on the contrary, as I now recall, he made a motion that I be elect-

Yours to fight hard for your best ed chairman, which motion was unanimously carried. A member of the board of county commissioners Keep your best eye on the Big Ban- made a motion, which was promptly

lot. The county attorney had been asked to remain with the meeting, Hives, eczema, itch or salt rheum and upon request from some member men in the State, who have got the sets you crazy. Can't bear the touch of the board, he ruled that as a mat-judgment and backbone to put the of your clothing. Doan's Ointment ter of parliamentary practice, since is fine for skin itching. All drug- the voting was by ballot, each of the eight members should cast a vote and

that in the event of a tie it would be the duty of the chairman by open vote to break the tie. I objected to assuming this responsibility, but was told that this would be my duty un-

der parliamentary practice, and not a man present objected to the ruling, get at it. or made any suggestion that it was

granted that nobody thought at that time there would be a tie vote.

I am not a lawyer and not familiar with parliamentary practice, but in accord with the practice both in Congress and in the State Legislature. I am informed that the speaker votes on all questions and in the event of a tie he vote again and breaks the tie. It would seem that whoever wrote Mr. Buie's article was not informed as to parliamentary practice, or else he was somewhat reckless in his statement of fact. Now is conclusion permit me to say a word as to the merits of this matter. It would be hard to find anything more unfair than the suggestion that I am not a friend of the soldier. Everyone of the five men who made an application for the position is a soldier. Mr. Conoly, Mr. Wil-son, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Parker all served in the great world war, and Mr. McAllister volunteered and served throughout the Spanish-American war. I can see very little difference in the military records of any of the men. Mr. McAllister went to the Phillipmes and the other gentlemen went to France, but all in the hour of danger laid their lives upon the altar of their country. We could not give the position to all five of them. We had to use our best judgment, and out of the five select a man who appeared best qualified for the duties to be performed. The position of superintendent of public welfare is one of great importance to the people. He is not only charged with the deli-cate task of enforcing the new school attendance law, but he is the chief police officer of the new juvenile The matter of handling court. youthful criminals, separating chil-dren from their parents in certain cases of parental unfitness, and performing other similar duties, requires in my opinion not only tact, common sense and a fair education, but it re-quires much experience, and I felt that Mr. McAllister, who is, perhaps, forty years of age and more, and is also a college man, would be better fitted for these duties than Mr. Con-oly, who is only twenty-three years of age, according to my information. In deciding the matter I tried to use the same judgment that I exercise in my private business affairs. It is a thrust below the helt to charge that I am not a friend of the soldiers, and to hint that Robeson's

fifteen hundred soldiers ought not

to vote for me. No man appreciates more than I do the magnificent fight

for human freedom that these soldiers

made. Their sacrifices and sufferings were brought as close home to

me as to any man, for my own son volunteered and remained in the ser-

I desire to again repeat that it is

distasteful to enter into a newspaper controversy and that I shall have

ject. I only make this statement in

nothing further to say on the sub-

order that both our soldier boys and

the public generally may know the

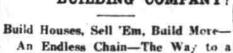
facts. I repeat that in voting the second time to break a tie vote I was

simply performing a legal duty that

I could not escape, and one that was thrust upon me by the other members

of the two board who elected me chairman. I also repeat that out of

vice to the end of the war.



Bigger Lumberton.

To the Editor of The Robesonian. "The Community Building Co. has

construction on Orange street. This company is so pleased with the venture it will commence work on oth-

one of the churches here, has been compelled to locate his family in our sister town on account of no house

from a paper. In which class is Lumberton to be placed? Would you like one of your pastors to resort to this? Would you feel enthused over things,

this ? of me being out of the business, my Red Springs, N. C. hat is still in the ring. You just The article seeks to leave the im-Don't let us pat ourselves on the back with the thought that it is the

progressive town that has no houses for rent. Like all aphorisms, this the recent election for superintenaent is only qualifiedly true. The deadest of public welfare of Robeson county. town I ever knew had no empty

houses. It hadn't built one in years. It was so dead, strangers wept when passing through. Also it was grown -as mature, in fact, as was Jupiter, springing fully panoplied from the brain of Jove.

In juxtaposition to this, did you ever know an up-to-date town with dreams of the metropolis that was empty for long without an Emphatically you at a time? did not. They proceeded to build them, if really progressive they attempted to keep a few jumps ahead

of the shadows events ever cast before them. Jump in, gentlemen, pull others in with you, the water is fine in Lum-

berton. Why not the Mutual Building Com-

pany, limited. Built four or five bungalos, sell. 'en, so much down, balance monthly payments. This quick overturn can be put into others. It's an endless chain, with irredescent shadings. Grab opportunity

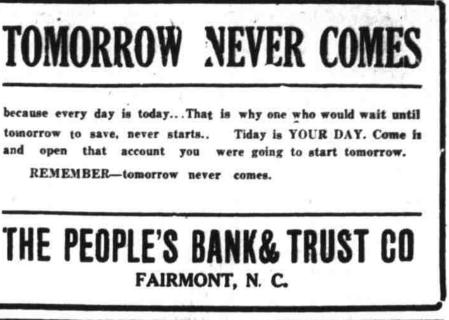
by the nape of the neck, kick it along ahead to point the way to a greater, bigger Lumberton.

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not absolutely correct. I take it for

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five candidates, all of whom were sol-diers, I conscientiously selected the man I felt was best qualified for the position, and I can not believe that when the facts are known any honest man, whether soldier or not, will condemn me.

J. W. WARD. Rowland, N. C.; July 19th, 1919.